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To the Mayor,

Aldermen and Citizens of the City of Coventry

are inscribed

These Records of the Court Leet

of their ancient

and renowned

City.

PREFACE.

Since the Introduction is to come when the whole volume is complete, here is place only for thanks. The Coventry Corporation by their readiness in lending the MS. for transcription, and the Chairman and Committee of the Leamington Free Library for housing the same so safely, and its transcriber so airily, sunnily and cheerfully, have great claims on my gratitude. I would crave the continuance of their forbearance if I seem long about my task. It is a heavy one, and the nature of the work necessitates such care that hurry could only spell disaster.

But it is the readers of the *Leet Book*, as well as myself, who should tender their acknowledgments to Mr. W. H. Stevenson and Mr. R. E. G. Kirk, who at Dr. Furnivall's request undertook to revise the proofs of an entire stranger. To all that the book has thereby gained in exactitude, in the elucidation of many a bewildering crux, and in occasional annotation, the transcriber can bear most grateful testimony. Their labours have not been light; the value of them has been inestimable. Miss Brocas Harris has been as unfailing in kindness in the revision of proofs as she has been quick-sighted in the detection of casual errors. And Dr. Furnivall has throughout lent me the aid of his kind help and encouragement.

Leamington, April 18, 1907.

ERRATA.

p. 41 note 1, p. 43, p. 62, p. 139, *for* Jorden *read* Jordan.

p. 70, *for* "Iklynton Collar" *read* Iklynton Collar.

p. 103 note 3, a suggested reading is epu*larum*, i. e. master of the banquets.

A NOTE ON COURTS LEET AND THE LEET BOOK.

A Leet is a court held by a lord of the manor or other liberty—or the lord's grantee—for the trial of petty offences. Concerning the meaning and derivation of the word itself scholars are divided, and where Professor Skeat and the late Professor Maitland only offer conjecture, it were best to suspend judgment. The derivation of the alternative to Court Leet, a word often occurring in these pages, view of frankpledge, is fairly assured; it is the Latinized—and mistaken—form of O.E. frithborh = peace-pledge, *i. e.* a tithing, or body of (normally) ten mutual sureties. The institution of the tithing tended to make every one his neighbour's policeman, and at a "view of frankpledge" every one amenable to the court's jurisdiction had to show himself properly included in an association of the kind.

With all this, however, we have here small concern. Justices-in-eyre and Justices of the Peace tended in time to diminish the importance of manorial jurisdiction, and the *Leet Book* reveals the court of fifteenth century Coventry less as a judicial than as a legislative body. It is the town parliament rather than the town tribunal of justice. The records show a series of ordinances or by-laws grounded on the petitions of aggrieved parties presented to the Leet, arranged year by year with fair regularity from 1420 to 1555. These touch mediæval urban life on every side, and are interwoven with a chronicle of the various happenings within the city. Of such is composed the great bulk of the matter of the *Leet Book*. A few leaves at the beginning and end of the volume, that would otherwise have been blank, were filled by Elizabethan and Stuart scribes with a miscellany that defies classification.

The value of the *Leet Book* from the social historian's point of view will be treated of in the Introduction in a subsequent part. Members of the E. E. T. S. may feel equally interested in the volume from the philological standpoint, as illustrating the Warwickshire dialect in the century before Shakespeare's birth.

One example of this, and I have done. In *Coriolanus*, II. i. 226,

occurs the line, "Stalls, bulks and windows are smothered up." Dr. Murray gives no earlier example of the word *bulk* than the close of the 16th century, and Professor Skeat suggests as a derivation the O.N. *búlk-r* = beam, which should give M.E. *bolk*, hitherto not found. But in John Leeder's proclamation of 1421, p. 27, townspeople are enjoined to keep "no swyne in hur *bolkys*." Here is without doubt the connecting link between the Old Norse and the Shakespearian form.

[Note on the word *Leet* kindly communicated by Dr. Henry Bradley.] The difficult word *Leet* certainly represents 13th century Anglo-French *lete*. I think it possible that this may be adopted from O.E. *lǽþ*, which we have in the "lathes" of Kent (for a suggestion to account for the phonological anomaly see *N.E.D.*, article *Lathe* sb.[1]). *Lǣþ* seems to mean "landed property," and perhaps it may not be altogether too wild to suppose that it may have been used as a native synonym of "manor," and that either the simple word or some compound may have been employed to denote the meeting of the tenants of the manor, the manorial court. If such a use existed it would be natural that the Normans should adopt the term, pronouncing it as nearly as French phonetics would allow.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS, ETC.

a. r. r.	= anno regni regis, the year of the king's reign.
b.	= bailiff.
Burton MS.	= Humphrey Burton's MS., Free Library, Coventry.
ch.	= chamberlains.
cor.	= coroner.
Corp. MSS.	= MSS. in possession of the Coventry Corporation. Catalogued by J. C. Jeaffresson for Hist. MSS. Comm. 1896.
E. D. D.	= English Dialect Dictionary (Clarendon Press).
m.	= mayor.
mace	= sergeant-at-mace, sub-bailiff.
M. E.	= Middle English.
M. G. C. C.	= Magister Gilde Corporis Christi, master of the Corpus Christi Gild.
M. G. S. T.	= Magister Gilde Sancte Trinitatis, master of the Trinity Gild.
N. E. D.	= New English Dictionary (Clarendon Press).
V. f. p.	= Visum franci plegii, view of frankpledge, or leet.
w.	= wardens.
" "	in the margin denotes marginal annotations in MS.
(etc.)	in the text denotes the omission from the transcription of some oft-repeated formula, *e. g.* maior (etc.) = maior civitatis Coventrie, the mayor of the city of Coventry, etc., without brackets, however, is a copy of the MS.
[ ]	in the English text denotes an abbreviated rendering of a customary formula, *e. g.* [Ordained] = Hit was ordeyned by auctorite of this present lete.
[ ]	also denotes a translation from the Latin. MS. abbreviations and contractions are represented in the transcript by italics.

§ 1. QUIT CLAIM OF GERARD DE ALSPATH TO THE FILLONGLEY MEN, 1251–2.

[Copy of deed shown in 1581 at Old Fillongley.]

[1]A true Coppie of a deide shewed forthe by Wm. Denton of ffyllingley at a Court holden at Old ffyllongley in the time of John Myles, maiour.

[Because disputes had taken place between Sir Gerard of Alspath and all the freemen of Old Fillongley, about these men's liberties, before the Judges at Warwick in the 36th year of King Henry, King John's son (Oct. 28, 1251—Oct. 27, 1252), they finally came to an accord thus :

[Let present and to come know that I, Gerard of Alspath, have granted and quitclaimed, and by this present charter confirmed to all men of Old Fillungley and their heirs for ever from me and my heirs all outside service, relief, ward and suit of court in free socage, freely and quietly without challenge, vexation or hindrance. Moreover I, Gerard, and my heirs, will warrant all liberties aforesaid to the men aforesaid of Old Fillungley and their heirs for ever. For this concession and quitclaim, warranty and recognition, the men aforesaid gave me for good of peace five marks and a half of silver. And that this my concession,

Cum Lites et Contenciones mouerentur inter dominum Gererdum de Alespath ex vna parte, et omnes Liberos homines de Olde Fillungley ex altero (*sic*) parte, super Libertatibus dictorum hominum Coram Justiciariis apud Warwik a. r. r.[2] Henrici filii Johannis Regis tricesimo sexto in hunc modum finaliter conquieuerunt :

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego, Gerardus de Alespath, concessi, et quietum Clamavi, et hac presenti carta mea Confirmavi, omnibus hominibus de Old Fillungley et heredibus suis imperpetuum de me et heredibus meis omne servicium forinsecum et omne Relevium et[3] omnem wardam et omnem sectam Curie in Libero Socagio, Libere et quiete, sine omne (*sic*) calumpnia, vexacione nec impedimento. Insuper, ego Gerardus et heredes mei, omnes Libertates predictas predictis hominibus de Old Fillungley et heredibus suis imperpetuum warrantizabimus. Pro hac autem Concessione et quieta clamacione et warrantacione et Recognicione dederunt mihi predicti viri pro bono pacis quinque marcas et dimidiam argenti. Et vt hac (*sic*) mea concessio et quietum

[1] leaf i a, Scribe Z, v. Introd. [2] anno regni regis. MS. looks like 'pro.'

quitclaim, warranty & recognition may remain firm and established by me and by my heirs, in testimony of this thing I have affixed my seal to this present writing. These being witnesses, etc.]

Clamacio et warrantacio et Recognicio stabilis et rata pro me et heredibus meis permaneant (*sic*), [1]In cuius rei testimonium[1] huic presenti Scripto Sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus etc. [Scrawl possibly intended for monogram T. G. D. follows.]

§ 2. TRINITY GILD FIELDS.

[Mem. of a certain bill shown, as it appears, at the following leet, by the master, brethren and sisters of the Trinity gild, concerning £10, which they paid of their desire and will to the prior of S. Mary's Cathedral in exoneration of the community of the city of Coventry; which £10 the mayor and community are bound to yield every year to the prior and convent. For which £10 it is conceded, that the said master, brethren and sisters shall have and hold divers fields in severalty; and that the said master, brethren and sisters shall pay every year £10 to the said prior and convent in exoneration of the mayor and community, as it appears more plainly below.

[Michaelmas Leet, 1384.

[At the view of frank pledge held there Oct. 5, 1384, in the presence of J. de Marton, mayor, and the bailiffs of the

[2]Mem. de quadam bulla (*sic*) per magistrum, fratres et sorores Gilde S. Trinitatis Couentrie exhibita, et ad letam sequentem, ut patet, de decem libris,[3] quas soluerunt ad eorum libitum et ad eorum voluntatem priori ecclesie Cathedralis B. Marie de Couentria in exoneracionem communitatis ciuitatis Couentrie; quas quidem xli. maior et communitas Ciuitatis predicte singulis annis dictis priori et conventui reddere tenentur. Pro quibus xli. concessum, concordatum et ordinatum est, quod predicti magister, fratres et sorores habeant et teneant diuersos campos in separali; Et quod dicti magister, fratres et sorores soluent singulis annis dictis priori et conuentui dictas xli. in exoneracionem maioris et communitatis ciuitatis predicte prout inferius plenius liquet, etc.

Ad visum franciplegii tentum ibidem die Jouis proximo post festum S. Michaelis archangeli a. r. r. Ricardi secundi post conquestum,

[1–1] Redundant. On the Alspath family of Fillongley and Meridon (Ailespede, in Domesday), v. Dugdale, 697, 725. [2] leaf 5 a. Scribe A of the *Leet Book* proper.

[3] By the Indenture tripartite between Queen Isabella, the prior and the corporation in 1355 the corporation agreed to pay the prior an annual ferm of £10 for the judicial rights he relinquished. v. Burton MS. ff. 98–105.

same town, by oath of

H. de Kele and others,

jurats.

[To which leet the master (etc.) of the gilds sent a certain bill of having allowance of £10, which the same master (etc.) annually paid and still pay to the prior and convent in the name of the community of the said town, of which bill the tenor followeth in these words :—

[To the mayor, bailiffs, chamberlains and other good people of the inquest sheweth the master of the gild of holy Trinity, S. Mary, S. John, S. Katherine of Coventry, that as the said master and his brethren bear from year to year a great charge for the town aforesaid, paying to the prior and convent of the same town £10 at the term of S. Michael. And besides that where they

octauo, coram Joh. de Marton, tunc maiore, Alex. Wright, & Joh. Smyth, hosier, tunc Ballᵢuis eiusdem ville, per sacramentum Hen. de Kele, Will. Wolfe, Joh. de Maxtok, Joh. Botoner, Ric. de Teynton, Joh. de Crose, Hen. dell Hay, Gurdeler, Tho. de Nassyngton, Sim. de Langham, Tho. de Sutton, Joh. Inge, Joh. Tate, Rob. de Estelton, Joh. Gart, mercere, Hen. Draycote, Nich. de Dudlay, Rob. Bladdurwyk, Hen. dell Hay, mercere, Ric. Helony, Will. Welye, Will. Bondy, Ad. Deyster, Joh. de Wilye, & Will de Cayfeld, Juratorum :

Ad quam letam magister et confratres Gildarum S. Trinitatis, S. Marie, S. Johannis Baptiste et S. Katerine in Couentria miserunt quandam billam de habendo allocacionem decem librarum, quas iidem magister et confratres predicti annuatim soluerunt, et adhuc soluunt, priori et conventui de Couentria nomine communitatis euisdem ville, cuius bille tenor sequitur in hec uerba :—

As Maire, Ballyfs, Chamburlens, & autres bonez gentez del enquest moustre le mastre (*sic*) de la Gilde sanct Trinite, seynt Marie, seint Johan,

seynt Katerine de Couentre, qe come lez ditz mastre & cez confreres portount de ane (*sic*) en ane vn graunt charge pur la vile auant dit, paiauntz a lez priour & Couent de mesme la

vile x li. a la terme de seint Michell. Et outre icela, ou il solient (*sic*) auoir

are wont to have divers fields in severalty time out of mind, that is to say, Poddy-croft, Stivichallhurne, Long-croft, and Batemans-acre, now they are every year broken and laid open at the time of the Gule of August (Lammas), to the great impoverishing and ruin of the gild aforesaid, so that they cannot obtain more than half the rent according to the value of the said fields: That it may please the said mayor, bailiffs and chamberlains and good folk to ordain such a remedy that they may keep the said fields in severalty in peace; or otherwise for certain the said master and his brethren desire to be discharged of the payment of the said £10 in time to come.—And therefore by common assent of the honest and lawful men elected at that leet, it is thus agreed, that the master and brethren of the said gilds be discharged of the £10 which they were wont to pay to the prior and convent of Coventry, not by any compulsion but of their free will; so that the mayor, bailiffs and chamberlains of the town fix among themselves a certain day, at which day they shall cause to come before them from every street of the town six or four honest and lawful

diuersez chaumpez severals puis le temps de memorie, cest assauoir, Pody Croft, Stevechallhurne, le long Croft, & Batemansacre, Ore ils sount chescun ane acrauantz et mys ouertez a le temps de Goldaust, a graunt

enpouerisment & anyentisment de la gilde auaun*t*dit, quare ne puissont auoir mez de la demy rent solonc la

[1] valoue dez ditz Chaumpz: qe please as ditz maire, baillifs, chamburlens, & bones gents ordiner ent tiell

remedie, quils puissount auer les ditz chaumps en seu*er*altie en peas; ou outrement pur certeine les ditz

meistre & cez confreres voillent estre dischargez dell payment dez ditz x li. en temps a vener etc.—Et vnde p*er* com*mun*em assensum p*ro*bor*um* et legali*um* ho*minum* ad hanc leta*m*

electo*rum*, ita concordat*um* est, q*uo*d magist*er* et confr*a*tres gildar*um* p*re*dict*arum* exoner*entur* de x li. quas soluere consueuer*unt* p*ri*ori et conventui de Coventr*ia*, non ex aliqua coherc*ione*, set eo*rum* spontanea voluntate; ita videl*icet* q*uo*d maior et Ball*iui* et cam*er*arii ville ordinent

inter se vnu*m* cer*tum* diem, ad quem diem venire fac*iant* coram eis de quol*ibet* vico ville sex uel quatuor

[1] leaf 6.

men to try if they, for themselves as well as the whole community of the town of Coventry, will fully consent that the said fields, expressly named in the bill, be in future several, or not, without challenge of any one of the said community,

and that the said master and brethren pay the said £10 issuing from the said gilds to the same prior and convent and their successors while it shall please the said master and brethren. And now the mayor and bailiffs on Thursday after S. Denis' day in the 8th year abovesaid (Oct. 13, 1384), by the assent of [names following] for themselves and their neighbours in Gosford Street; and others for

Mill Lane and New Street; and others for

Jordenwell; others for

Much Park Street; and others for

Earl Street and Little Park Street;

probos et legales homines ad temptandum si ipsi, tam pro seipsis, quam pro tota communitate ville de Couentria, plenarie consentire voluerint quod predicti campi, in billa prescripta expresse nominati, sint de decetero separabiles, necne,[1] absque contradicc*ione* vel perturbac*ione* alicuius de communitate predicta, [et] quod predicti magister et confratres soluant dictas decem libras exeuntes de Gildis predictis eisdem priori et conventui et eorum successoribus dum eisdem magistro et confratribus placuerit. Et modo maior et Ballivi & camerarii die Jouis proximo post festum S. Dionisii anno octauo supradicto & per assensum Ric. Luff, Ric. de Dodenale, Nic. de Frereby, Joh. de Molton, Joh. de Withibrook, Rob. de Cortenhall, pro se & vicinis suis in vico de Gosford; Joh. Twenge, Ric. Bobynhull, Will. Cowper, Joh. Benduyle, pro se et vicinis suis in le Mulnlone et New strette; Ad. Botoner, Joh. Toftes, Ric. Verdon, Dauid Corby pro (etc.)[2] apud Jordenwell; Ric. Clerk, Joh. Andrew, Joh. Lybard, Ric. Hatter, Hen. Dilcok, Joh. Northfolk, Sim. ffrebern, pro (etc.) in vico Parci Maioris; Joh. de Stow, Will. Gryme, Pet. de Charelton, Will. de Wodusbury, Joh. Crudworth, Joh. de Stafford, pro (etc.) in vico Comitis, & in vico Parci Minoris; Joh. Founder, Ric.

[1] MS. repeats after necne "consentire voluerint ut campi predicti sint in futuro separabiles."

[2] (etc.) between brackets denotes the omission of a repetition in the MS.; etc. without brackets is, on the contrary, found in the MS.

others Coteller, Sim. Sheffield, Joh. Bate, & Nic. Glasewright *pro* (etc.)

in Bayly Lane and Hay Lane; others in Baylilane et Heylane; Rog. Dandy, Tho. *Mar*shall, Walt. Cull, Tho. Grene, Will. Cuttyler, Will. Okcam, Will. Peynt*our* *pro* (etc.)

at Broad Gate and Friar Lane; others ad Latam Portam et Frere lane; Joh. Perry, Joh. Maxstock, Will. Craas, Ric. Dubber, Ric. Welton, Joh. Russell, Hug. Woleman, *pro* (etc.)

in Smithford Street; others in vico de Smythford; Ric. de Duddeley, Joh. Pape, Ric. Helony, Tho. Godeale, Joh. de ffrereby, And. Napton, Joh. Haw, Joh. Raye, Joh. Wallsall, Tho. Flawndurs *pro* (etc.)

in Spon Street; and others in vico de Sponna; Rob. Fureneaux, Joh. Moldriche, Rog. de Weedon, Rob. de Estelton, Ad. de Keresley, Tho. de Sutton *pro* (etc.)

in Cross Cheaping; others in vico de Croschepyng; Will. Pakstaf, Joh. Meie, Rob. Ascheburne, Will. Cockes, Rob. Wolff, Rog. de Lodyngton, *pro* (etc.)

within S. John's-bridge, it was ordained and conceded that the said master and brethren of the said gilds well, peacefully, freely and quietly may have and possess the said fields all times of the year for themselves and their successors, without hindrance or disturbance of any one of the community; paying yearly to the said prior and convent and their successors £10 while it shall please the said master and brethren.

inter (*sic*) pontem S. Joh*annis*, ordinat*um* et concess*um* fuit q*uod* *predicti* magist*er* et conf*ra*tres dict*arum* Gildar*um* bene, pacifice, libe*re* et quiete d*ic*tos campos omni tem*pore* anni h*abeant* et p*er*cipiant *pro* se et successorib*us* suis, absq*ue* aliq*uo* impedimento, vel p*ertur*bac*ione* alicui*us* de co*mmun*itate ville *predicte*; soluendo annuatim *prefatis* *pri*ori et conventui et eo*rum* successoribus *predictas* decem libr*as* dum eisdem *magist*ro & conf*ratribus* placue*rit*.

[Another leet on this same matter following.]

Alia leta sup*er* eadem mate*ria* sequen*te*.[1]

[1] v. *infra*, p. 19, and *Life in an Old English Town*, 75–7.

§ 3. METES AND BOUNDS. RADFORD.

[12 H. IV. Sept. 30, 1410–Sept. 29, 1411.

[1"Radford."

[Bounds begin at a stone cross in the highway between Coventry and Radford, thence by a lane under Cobelyng-croft to Batemans-acre, and thence to another lane between Batemans-acre and Myriholt leading to Schochers-lane including the pastures, Batemans-acre and Ashmore, thence to Hill-lane, thence to Shottes-lane or Boker-mill-lane, and thus through Whitmore-Park by the hedge and ditch below the said park between Thamley and Shottes-field, descending by the other ditch below the park to R. Beaufitz' tenement, including the whole

[2 18° die Febuarii 1583.

A true Coppie of the metes, bondes and divisions of certen hamlettes neare vnto the Cittie of Coventre taken out of a boke written with old Gregories hand as followethe:

[3 Anno R. Henrici quarti post conquestum xii°.

Hec sunt mete, bunde et diuise totius hamlette de Radford. Imprimis, incipit ad Crucem Lapideam, que stat in Regia via ducente de Couentria uersus Radford: Et a cruce per vnam venellam subtus Croftum Ricardi Clarke, vocatum Le Cobelyng Crofte, que ducit ad[4] Botemans acre, et abinde ad aliam venellam inter le Batemansacre & magnum campum, vocatum le Myriholt, ducentem ad aliam venellam, vocatam Le Schocherslane, includendo pasturas de Batemansacre & Ashemore, & abhinc ad venellam vocatam Lehullane inter Counduln & Chilternsleys,[5] & abinde ad aliam venellam, vocatam Shotteslane,[6] sive Bokermillane,[7] & sic per medium parci de Whittemore per cepem & fossatum infra parcum predictum inter Thamley & Shottesfield,[6] & sic descendendo per aliud fossatum infra parcum ad tenementum Ricardi Beaufitz, includendo semper totum

[1] The marginal notes between commas " " are in the MS.
[2] leaf ii, Scribe Z.
[3] See also Lansd. MS. 400, f. 3: Rentale factum per fratrem Willelmum Haloughton, monachum Couentrie . . . de redditibus pertinentibus Priori et Conventui . . . in Whytmore, Coundulne, Keruesley, Coreley, Ecclesale, Newlande, Wylnehale, ffolxhull, Stoke et Coventre. I refer to this as L. Unimportant variations are not noted. [4] per L. [5] Chiternleys L. [6] Scottes- L.
[7] Bokermlane L.

manor of Whitmore, with fields and pastures on either side to Endemore water, and thus by that brook as far as

Ounettes-forthe and from that ford through the middle of Shuckmore, and from Shuckmore to Sandipit-lane, and from that lane by the hedge between Hill-field above Radford and the field to the N. of S. Nicholas' Church, until the cross where it begins. Thus ends the vill of Radford, in Trinity parish, parcel of the half of Coventry in which the Cathedral was founded.

"Counduln."

[Prior as lord of Coundon has view of frankpledge, gallows, pillory, assize of bread and beer,

felons' and fugitives' goods, heriot, mortuary fee, waif and stray, and is rector; he has a pasture called Fowlesmore and Prior's-field.

[The vill is part of the half of Coventry, in Trinity parish, and of the foundation of the mother church.

manerium de Whitemore cum campis & pasturis ex vtrisque (*sic*)[1] parte annexis, & a tenemento dicte (*sic*) Ricardi, vsque ad aquam de Endemore,[2] et sic per illud[3] Riuulum vsque ad Ounettesforthe,[4] & ab illo vado per medium Shuckmore,[5] excludendo le Steplefield, & a Schuckmore[5] ad Sandipitlane,[6] & ab illa venella per sepem inter Hullfield super Radford & Campum ex parte boriali[7] ecclesie S. Nicholai vsque ad crucem predictam vbi incipit. Et sic terminatur villa de Radford, & est in parochia S. Trinitatis in Couentria, ac parcella medietatis ville Couentrie in qua fundata est ecclesia Cathedralis Couentrie cum aliis.

¶ Prior de Couentria est dominus de Coundulne, & habet ibi visum franciplegii omnium tenentium suorum ibidem, furcas & Collistrigium, assisam panis & servisie, et omnia que ad visum [8]franciplegii[8] [pertinent], Catalla felonum & fugitivorum, harrieta & principalia, vayvium & extrahuras,[9] et est Rector eiusdem hamleti et habet in manu sua vnam pasturam,[10] vocatam Le ffowlesmore & Priors feild, et omnia alia terre et tenementa ibidem sunt in manibus tenentium. Ista villa est membrum medietatis ville Couentrie, et de parochia S. Trinitatis Couentrie, et de fundacione ecclesie matricis Coventrie.

[1] vtraque L.
[2] Corp. MSS. C. 95. Grant of a pasture called "Enedmere in territorio de Radeforde." [3] *sic.* super illum L. [4] f. 3 dorso. [5] Schuggemore L.
[6] Sandyput- L. [7] *sic.* boreali L. [8–8] omitted L.
[9] MS. here blotted and almost illegible. [10] gravam L.

[1]" Coundulne dominii."

[Bounds of New Coundon. Begins in Hill-lane

by Chiltern's land,
and thus to the gate of Prior's-field,
thence to Benitt hedge, including Benitte's-field, thence

to Warensdam, and thence by Pokebrook
as far as Northbrook
by a boundary to an oak between two warrens,

and thence by a mere to Brown's-lane, and thus by the lane to Brown's-oak,
thence to a ditch under Holynfast wood,
and by the ditch to Thiefstake-field,
thence by the highway which leads to Coundon gallows, and thence below Bushell-field to Shottes-lane,

then across the highway to Hill-lane.]

" Coundulne *parochia.*"

[Coundon parish begins at the oak called Brown's-oak, and thence to Brown's-lane, and

[2]¶ Mete, divise et bunde dominii noui Coundulne. Inprimis incipit in introitu vocato Le Hullane iuxta terram Roberti de Chilterne, et sic per dictam venellam vsque ad portam tocius[3] Campi, vocati le Priors feild, deinde ad sepem vocatam Le Benitt hedge, includendo le Benittes feild & Boyden grove, et ab illa hedge directo ad Warensdam[4] illam includendo, et abhinc directo per le Pokebroke usque ad Northebrocke, et ab illo riuo per quamdam metam[5] vsque ad quarcum (*sic*)[6] inter duos cunicularios, includendo semper vnum cunicularium, et abinde per aliam meram vsque ad Browneslane, & sic per medium dicte venelle vsque ad Browneshack,[7] & tunc ab illa quercu vsque fossatum subtus boscum de Holynfast, & sic directo per predictum fossatum vsque le Theifestakefeild,[8] includendo dictum campum, et deinde per Regiam viam, que ducit ad furcas de Coundulne, et deinde per regiam viam subtus Bushell feild vsque ad Shottes-lane[9] et deinde directo ex transverso Regiam viam (*sic*)[10] vsque ad venellam de Hullane, vbi prius incipit.

¶ Mete & bunde totius parochie de Coundulne iuxta Couentriam. Inprimis incipit ad quarcum (*sic*) vocatam Le Brounshacke, & deinde ad venellam vocatam Le Brounslane, & sic per medium venelle, & ab hinc

[1] leaf ii a. [2] f. 9. [3] *sic.* illius L. [4] Warreynsdam L.
[5] ? meram. [6] quercum L, *et passim.* [7] Brounshoke L.
[8] Thefetakefeld L. [9] Scottes L. [10] vie L.

turning by a boundary to the oak between two warrens, and

thus direct to Frithbrook,

and thence to Allesley mill, thence by the mill-water

to Burton's mill on Spon bridge,
and thus by the lane leading to Woodmilles-hey to Scocherlane, and thence by the way leading to S. Chad's chapel

below Batemans-acre to

Hill-lane, and thence to the way that leads from Corley by Coundon gallows, and thence to Thiefstake, and by the ditch

under Holifast, to the oak where it begins.]

"Counduln."

[First from J. Northampton for the holding once R. Reynolds' of Coundon, 12*d.* a year. And he finds a cart for the carriage of hay from Fynford to Couentry, or pays annually 12*d.* for a cart.

[From W. Odard for a common fine of that field in Coun-

diu*er*tendo p*er* quandam metam[1] vsq*ue* ad quarcum int*er* duos cunicular*ios*, includendo semp*er* vnum cunicular*ium*, et sic ab illa quarcu p*er* alia*m* mera*m* directo vsq*ue* ffrithbroke, & sic p*er* illum riuulum[2] vsq*ue* ad molendinum de Allesley, & abinde p*er* aqua*m* dicti molend*ini* p*er* medium Alshawe directo p*er* aqua*m* p*redictam* vsq*ue* ad molendinum Ric*ardi* de Burton sup*er* pontem de Sponna, et sic ab illo molendino direc*to* p*er* p*ar*va*m* venella*m* ducentem u*er*sus Woodmilles[3] heye, vsq*ue* ad al*iam* venella*m*, vocat*am* Scocherlane, & sic p*er* regia*m* via*m* q*ue* ducit de Couentr*ia* u*er*sus Capella*m* S. Cedde subtus Botemansacre & Ashemore,[4] vsq*ue* ad venella*m* vocat*am* Le Hullane, & sic p*er* dicta*m* venella*m* vsq*ue* ad Regia*m* via*m* q*ue* ducit de Corley p*er* furcas de Coundulne, & sic abinde vsq*ue* ad Theefestake, & sic diu*er*tendo vsq*ue* ad fossat*um* subtus Holifast, & sic p*er* fossat*um* p*redictum* vsq*ue* ad quarcum Brounshack vbi p*ri*us incipit.

[5]Comm*uni* (*sic*) fines[6] de Counduln cum operib*us* natiu*orum*[7] tenent*ium*.

¶ Inp*ri*mis, de Joh. Northampton p*ro* tenem*ento* quondam Ric. Reynold*es* de Coundulne p*er* ann: xij d. Et invenit Carect*am* p*ro* Carriag*io* feni a Fynford vsq*ue* Couentr*iam*, vel sol*vit* annuat*im* xij d. p*ro* carrect*a*.[8]

Item de Will. Odard p*ro* comm*uni* fine illius campi in Conduln, quem

[1] meram L. [2] rivum L. [3] Woddemyll L. [4] f. 9 dorso. [5] leaf iii. [6] communis finis L. [7] native L. [8] carecta L, *et passim*.

don, which he holds at the lord's will, called Bennettes field, 11*d.* a year.

[From the same William for his field which he holds by the king's highway, for the common fine of 8*d.* a year; half a cart at Fynford, 6*d.*

[From R. Shipley for land in Coundon called Norman place common, fine 12*d.* a year, and for a cart at Fynford, 12*d.*

[From J. Hoore for his holding 7½*d.* a year, and for half a cart, 6*d.*

[From J. Boyden for common fine of S. Reynolds' land, 1½*d.* a year. And for a fork-load of hay at Fynford, 2*d.*

[From J. Oneley for Gallowstree-field, 7*d.* a year, and for a fork-load, 2*d.*

[From W. Collins for Hobcroft, 4*d.*

[T. Disher, Geffrey-field, 4*d.*

[Keresley for J. Reynolds' holding, and for half a cart, 6*d.*]

tenet ad voluntat*em* dom*ini*, vocat*i* le Bennettes feild, xjd. per ann:

Item de eodem Will*elm*o *pro* campo suo, quem tenet ib*id*em iux*ta* regia*m* via*m* *pro* com*muni* fine p*er* ann: viijd. Et p*ro* dimid*ia* carect*a* apud Fynford vjd.

Item de Rob. Shipley p*ro* terra in campis de Counduln voc*ata* Norm*an* place, p*ro* com*muni* fine p*er* ann: xijd. & p*ro* carrect*a* apud Fynford xijd.

Item de Joh. Hoore p*ro* com*muni* fine tenc*ment*i sui p*er* ann. vijd. ob. et p*ro* dimidia carrect*a* vjd.

Item de Joh. Boyden p*ro* (etc.) de terr*a* Sim. Reynolds p*er* ann. jd. ob. Et vno furcatorio feni apud Fynford ijd.

Item de Joh. Oneley p*ro* (etc.) de Gallowstrefeild[1] per ann. vijd., et p*ro* vno furcatorio ijd.

Item, de Will. Collyns p*ro* (etc.) de Hobcroft iiijd.

Item de Tho. Disher p*ro* (etc.) de Geffrey feild p*er* ann. iiijd.

Item de[2] Kerusley p*ro* (etc.) de ten*emento* Joh. Reynold*es* xijd., et p*ro* dimid*ia* carrect*a* vjd.

[Hasilwood within the liberties begins in Caludon lane, and contains all Stoke, much of Harnal, part of Whitmore, and Henley, and the wood of Lord Segrave in Hasilwood. Segrave's deed;

Boscus Intrinsecus de Hasilwood incipit in Calloudon Lane, & continet totu*m* Stoke, m*ult*u*m* de Harehal, partem de Whitemore & Henley, et bosc*um* dom*in*us (*sic*) Segrave in Hasilwood.

[3]ij deid*es* of demises made by John

[1] Gallowtrefield L. [2] No other name in MS.

[3] These are probably notes of miscellaneous copies. For Ranulf's charter v. Dugd. 110; for Joh. de Segrave of Caludon *ib.* 88, and for Osbarte *ib.* 180.

the Abbot's deed;

other deeds;

Ranulf's deed.]

"Stychall."

[Stivichall parish, part of S. Michael's, from Dillotford

by the river Sherborne to Heathe mill,

and by the said watercourse to the Bagington fuller's mill,

and thence

to Alsorsaie meadow,

and thence to Merdon-siche,
and turning by the ditch to Grange-lane,
thence by the ditch to Corks-lane,
thence to Sandely-green,
and athwart the green to K.

de Shultern's close, the Cannocks or Canley yard, and thence to Hallane,

and by that lane to the Ridings, and thence to the king's

dominus de Segrave.

One deide of Osbarte, abbott of Stoneley.

One deide of demyse made by R. of Stivechall, & Wm. of Pynley.

One deide of Randle, Ear[l]e. of Chester.

[1]Mete, bunde et divise *paroch*ie de Stichall.

¶ In*primis*, *paroch*ia de Stichall, *que* est *parcell*a eccle*sie* S. Mich*aelis* Coventr*ie*, incipit ad Dillotford in le Hale, illud croft*um* de le Hale includen*do*. Et sic *per* aquam de Sherbourn vsq*ue* ad Heathe milne, illud molend*inum* includendo, & sic *per* cursu*m* aque [2] vsq*ue* ad molend*inum* ffullonis de Bakington, includendo le floodeyates d*icte* (*sic*) molend*ini* et dimid*ium* cursu*m* aque decurrent*is* de *predicto* molendino. Et abinde *per* aqua*m* *predictam* diu*er*tendo ad pra*tum* de Alsorsaie, illud pratu*m* includendo. Et abhinc vsq*ue* M*er*donsiche. Et sic per illa*m* siche diu*er*tendo vsque venell*am* vocat*am* Grange lane end, et abinde *per* fossat*um* *quod* ducit ad Corkslane. Et sic *per* illa*m* venella*m* vsq*ue* Sandeley grene, et sic ex t*ransverso* dict*i* *gree*ne vsq*ue* ad fossat*um* Clausure Kat*er*ine de Shultern [*interlined* Kanox de Canley] voc*ate* Canley yard, et [3]sic *per* illud fossat*um* vsq*ue* ad Hallane[3] [*interlined* Harnale] & sic *per* Litle wast [*interlined* ad Astull wast][4], et sic *per* illa*m* venella*m* vsq*ue* le Ruydinges,

[1] leaf iii a. Not in L. [2] insert *predicte*.
[3–3] Repeated again except the word "illud" in MS. after 'Astull waste.'
[4] Margin reads: 'Mem. that the wordes that be enterlined are the wordes that be lately Corropted and Rased in the prior's boke in the Exchequer.'

highway that leads to the highway to Coventry.]

[J. Francis, Joh. Marshall and T. Overton held a chief messuage in Stivichall

of the prior, and pay 8*s.*

"viij s."

to the treasurer,

also heriot, ward, relief and other services.

[This service reserved in a fine between William, the prior, and R. de Mohaut,

concerning land in Stivichall and Wyken.

[The same John and his joint holders hold

Little-waste, paying 2*s.*

"ij s."

to the Treasurer;

they inclosed this waste lately with the prior's licence.

[Joh. Clarke holds also

a messuage and two pieces of land in Stivichall-fields, which messuage is at the Coventry end of Stivichall, and was once [? part of] the glebe, for which he pays 8*s.*

"viij s."

et abinde ad regiam Viam, qui (*sic*) ducit ad regiam viam uersus Couentriam.

Rentale de Stychall.

Item, Joh. ffraunces, Joh. Marshall & Tho. Overton tenent simul vnum Capitale messuagium in Styuchall, quondam Vitalis de Folxhull, quondam Johannis de Shultern, et quondam Johannis de Honington in campis eidem annexis, de priore et Conuentu de Coventria, pro quo soluunt per ann: officio Thesaurarii viij s. ad quatuor terminos [anni] et harriet (*sic*), ward, reliuium, et omnia alia seruicia inde debita et Consueta. Istud seruicium reseruatur in fine levato inter Willelmum, priorem et Rogerum de Monte Alto et Ciciliam vxorem eius, de terra dicti Vitalis in Styuchall et Galfridi Langley in Wiken.[1]

Idem Johannes et parcenarii sui predicti tenent in feodo in eadem villa vnum vastum, vocatum Le Litle wast, pro quo soluunt per ann: officio Thesaurarii ij s. et alia omnia seruiciia inde (etc.). Quod quidem vastum nouiter incluserunt licencia prioris et Conuentus etc.

Item, Joh. Clarke de Stychall tenet ad terminum vite vnam (*sic*) messuagium et duas magnas pecias terre in Campis de Stichall, quod quidem messuagium situatum est ad finem ville *de* Stychall uersus Couentriam, quod quondam fuit gleba rectorie de Stichall, pro quibus soluit per ann: officio Thesaurarii viij s., et

[1] For Roger de Mohaut see *Life in an Old English Town*, 59, 60, Dugdale, 94–5.

to the treasurer every year, and all other usual services.

[Dom. J. Hallome, chaplain, has a cottage,

and pays 6*d.*

"vj d."

a year,
and this cottage belongs to the Convent treasury.

[The prior has the reversion of three cottages

and ten acres of land,
after the said John's and A. Elcock's death.

[The prior as rector has tithes of sheaves, hay, lambs, fleeces, mortuary fee, and tithes of fish caught in the fuller's mill,

and of the meadow assigned to tithe.

[Prior finds a chaplain to celebrate Divine service three days a week, and buries the dead at Coventry.

[Tithe of sheaves worth 100*s.* and of hay, lambs and fleeces, 26*s.* 8*d.*]

[2]"Kerresley."

[Bounds of Keresley, demesne and parish.

[It begins at Coundon gallows under Gallows-tree-field, and thence by the king's high-

[1] MS. reads 'sepelieit.'

harriet et omnia alia seruicia inde (etc.).

Item, dominus Joh. Hallome, Capellanus, tenet ad terminum vite vnum Cottagium in eadem qui (*sic*) iacet inter terram Willelmi Canley, et terram Johannis ffrauncis & sociorum suorum, pro quo soluit per ann. vj d. et heriet et omnia alia seruicia inde (etc.). Istud Cottagium pertinet Camere Conventus Coventrie. Et sciendum est quod predictus prior et Conventus habent reuercionem trium Cottagiorum simul situatorum in Styuchall, cum decem acris terre, post decessum predicti Johannis et Agnetis Elcock.

Prior est rector eiusdem hamletti, et habet decimas garbarum, feni, agnellorum, velles (*sic*), principalia et decimas piscium captorum in le flodyates molendini ffulonis de Baginton. Et decimas prati iacentis in parcellis assignatis pro decimatione. Et prior invenit ibidem Capellanum diuina ibidem celebraturum per tres dies in septimana, et sepeliet[1] Cadauera mortuorum apud Coventriam. Et valet (*sic*) decime garbarum ibidem C s. et decime feni, agnellorum, et vellorum (*sic*) xxvj s. viij d.

¶ [3]Mete, diuise et bunde tocius dominii de Kerresley ac parochie eiusdem que est parochia S. Michaelis Coventrie. Inprimis incipit ad furcas de Counduln, que situatur (*sic*) subtus le Gallowetrefeild, et sic directo a predictis furcis per Regiam viam, que ducit de Coventria uersus Corley

[2] leaf iv. [3] L. f. 16.

way to Allesley gallows, thence to Thiefstake-field pits,

and thus by a hedge by R. Priest's land
to Hen-lane, which divides Keresley demesne from Corley and Keresley parishes; and
thus to the highway toward Astley under
Corley grove;
and thus to the corner of the field of the Manor of Newland called the Bryches,
and by the hedge to Ouerheye-

field, and by the hedge towards Newland, and by a way

as far as Whitmore park, and

by a way below the park, and a hedge called Ledyat-lane,

and a hedge under R. Sewall's meadow,
to Coundon gallows.]

vsq*ue* ad furcas de [1]Allesley, uel[1] Corley, et abinde ad Campu*m* vocatum le Theiffestake feild pit*is*, ipsu*m* Campu*m* includendo, & sic p*er* sepem et fossatu*m* int*er* *le* Theiffestakefeild pitt*is* et terra*m* Ric*ardi* Preist de Corley, vsq*ue* ad venell*am* vocat*am* Heyne lane, q*ue* diuidit int*er* domin*ium* et p*ar*ochi*as* de Kerresley & Corley; & sic p*er* illa*m* venella*m* vsq*ue* ad regia*m* via*m* q*ue* ducit u*er*sus Astley subtus grova*m* prior*is* vocat*am* le Corley grove, & sic p*er* illa*m* Regia*m* via*m* ad corne*r*am campi mane*r*ii de Nova terra, voc*atam* le Bryches; et sic p*er* ill*am* sepe*m* ad campu*m* voc*atum* le Ouerheye, et sic directo p*er* sepem et fossatu*m* illius campi, q*ue* duc*unt* u*er*sus p*ar*cu*m* de Whitemore uersus Nova*m* terra*m*; et sic p*er* illa*m* via*m* vsq*ue* ad p*ar*cu*m* de Whitemore, et abinde p*er* via*m* subtus p*ar*cu*m* u*er*sus austru*m* vsq*ue* ad venella*m* subtus p*ar*cu*m* voc*atam* Ledyatlane; & sic p*er* illa*m* venella*m* & p*er* sepem subtus p*ar*cu*m* voc*atum* le medowe Rob*er*ti Sewall, & sic direc*to* p*er* sepem terre d*icti* Rob*er*ti vsq*ue* ad furc*as* de Counduln, vbi incipit.

'Ecclessall.'

[Boundaries of Exhall.

It begins at Newland corner, stretching by the ditch of S. John's hospital
called Corley-heye,

and Meynerd's-field,

[2]¶ Iste sunt mete, bunde & diuise totius p*ar*ochi*e* de Ecclessall. Inprimis, incipit ad corneram [1]terre,[1] Nove terre, extendent (*sic*) p*er* quoddam fossatu*m* hospitali*s* S. Joha*nn*is voc*atum* le Corley heye in p*ar*ochi*a* de Corley, et campu*m* p*re*dicti hospitali*s* voc*atum* Meynerdsfeild, illud

[1–1] omitted L.

[2] f. 28 dorso.

as far as Corley brook,

and by the brook to Smercote water mill, and thence turning by the hedge and ditch called Row-ditch, as far as Lufay-green, and by the highway to

Catcroft-lane, and thus to Little-heath, and thus to Bedworth rectory gate, and to

Dounbroke,

and to the Doun-gate,

and How-gate,
and by Weston-heye to Priest's-wood-end.
And thence by the ditch between the Hey and Sydnall-wood,
to Boyse-waste; and thence to Warche-lane,
to Foleshill-gate.
Sydnall-wood, the Breches, and Sidells

are in both Exhall and Foleshill parishes.

And thence to Blackamore, and by the hedge to the pen which R. in le Close holds.
And thence

campum includendo, vsque ad cursum aque ibidem, vocatum Corley broke; et sic per illum cursum aque vsque ad portas aquatici molendini de Smercote[1]; et deinde diuertendo per sepem et fossatum ibidem, vocatum le Rowdiche, vsque ad Lufay grene; & sic per Regiam viam semper per le Rowdiche vsque ad Catcroft Lane; & sic per illam venellam vsque ad Litle heathe, & abhinc semper per le Rowdiche vsque ad portam Rectorie[2] de Bedworthe, semper per le Rowdiche vsque ad Dounebroke, & abhinc diuertendo per le Rowdiche inter Exall & Bedworthe vsque ad le Dounȝate; & abinde semper per le Rowdiche vsque ad Howyate, & abhinc semper per le Weston heye vsque ad Preistes wood end. Et abinde per fossatum inter le Hey & Sydnall wood,[3] (hic[4] intermediant[5] parochie de Ecclesall & Folleshill)[4] vsque ad Boyse wast, et abhinc vsque ad Warchelane,[6] & abinde per fossatum vsque ad Folleshull yate. Et sic boscus de Sidenhall, le Breches, & Sidells et quicquid continetur inter Merston waye et ffolkushull yate sunt de parochiis de Exall et ffolleshull simul mixtis.[7] Et a ffolkeshull yate vsque ad Blackamore, & sic per fossatum & sepem de Blackamore, vsque ad le pene quam Ricardus in le Close modo tenet. Et tunc abinde per metam diuertendo[8] transuerso regia

[1] Smertcote L. [2] Rectoris L. [3] wod L.
[4]–[4] This also repeated in margin. [5] intermediante L. [6] Wright- L.
[7] mixte L. [8] ex L.

across the kings highway towards Eaton, as far as Madgeleys,
and by the hedge
and W. Bandy's gate
to Wyblyns brook,

thence to R. Sewall's land,

and thence to Gybe-lane.

[1] "ffolkeshull."
[Bounds of Foleshill.

[Parish begins at hedge of Boyswaste by "Stakecrosse,"[2] and goes down by "Hooe" to "the le broke," and along it to "Lady lane," and goes up by this lane

to the further corner of "Mordiffe," and thence

across the end of Wood-lane by the ditch to a way opposite W. Bagott's house, including the Ruydinges and the Wethersfield, to the cross before H. Ive's gates. [Here the three parishes of Sow, Foleshall, Wyken end.] And thence

to the hedge and ditch which divides between Wyken and

via (*sic*)[3] q*ue* ducit de Couentr*ia* u*er*sus Eaton vsq*ue* ad Madgeleys, & sic p*er* sepem int*er* Madgeleys et terr*am* quam Will. Bowton quondam tenuit, & abinde p*er* portam Will*elm*i Bandy, vsq*ue* ad Wybylyns-broke, & sic assendendo[4] p*er* regiam viam vsq*ue* ad [5]terr*am* quam Rob. Sewall de Counduln modo tenet, illam excludendo, quia in p*aroch*ia de ffolkeshull [est], & abhinc vsq*ue* ad Gybelane etc.

¶ Mete, bunde & diuise [6]p*er* p*re*cinct*us* toti*us* dominii et[6] p*aroch*ie de ffolkshull.

[7] Inp*ri*mis, p*aroch*ia incipit ad vlt*er*iorem sepem de Boyswast iux*ta* Stake Crosse, illud vastum includendo; et sic desendendo (*sic*)[8] p*er* sepem de le Howe vsque ad the lebroke,[9] et sic p*er* le broke vsq*ue* ad Lady Lane, et abinde ascendendo p*er* dictam venellam u*er*sus orientem, vsq*ue* ad vlt*er*iorem corneram de Mordiffe,[10] illud includendo; & adhinc ex transu*er*so finis de Woodlane p*er* fossatum vsq*ue* ad viam exopposito tenement*i* quondam Will*elm*i Bagott includendo Le Ruydinges & le Wethersfeild,[11] vsq*ue* ad crucem que stat ante hostium Henr*ici* Iue. [Hic terminat*ur* (*sic*) p*aroch*ie de Sowe, ffolkeshull & Wiken.[12]] Et ab illa cruce descenddendo u*er*sus ffolleshill p*er* Regiam viam ad sepem et fossatum que diuidunt int*er* Wiken & Henley vsq*ue*

[1] leaf iv (dorso). [2] The names within inverted commas are in margin.
[3] regie vie L, *et passim*. [4] *sic*. ascendendo L, *et passim*. [5] L. f. 29.
[6–6] omitted L. [7] L. f. 36 (dorso). [8] descendendo L. [9] Telebroke L.
[10] Morcyf L. [11] Wenchesfeld L. [12] In margin also with "nota ubi."

Henley as far as Henley brook,

and thence to Miles-meadow, as far at Deedmore corner,
and thus by the watercourse coming from Caludon well,—
and from the well to Waterifield, as far as Hasilwood, including all the Henley demesne; and thus by Hasilwood as far as Redeslowe, and by Harnal-waste ditch,
to Brood-oak, and thence across the highway

to the farther hedge of the Ridings of S. John's Hospital, and by the croft called the Stripe to Ounetsford, and thus by Endemer water to the Slowe in Lockhurst-lane, and thence

to Whitmore park corner, as far as Walsiche-lane,

and thus as far as the way leading to Newland, as far

as Lullehurst-lane, including Corley waste and Farthingheye, and thus by the sich (brook) to Hugland,

and by the hedge to W. Holbroke's land,

as far as R. Green's land,

Henley broke; et sic *per* illa*m* semp*er* vsq*ue* ad[1] Miles medowe, illud p*ra*tu*m* includendo, vsq*ue* ad corneram de Deedmore; et sic assendendo (*sic*) *per* cursu*m* riuuli venient*is* de fonte de Calloughdon, & ab illa fonte directo ad Wattorisfeild, illud campu*m* includendo, vsq*ue* ad Haselwood, totu*m* dominiu*m* de Henley includendo; et sic *per* Haselwood vsq*ue* ad Redeslowe; & sic riu*er*tendo *per* fossatu*m* de Harnalwast, illud vastu*m* excludendo, vsq*ue* ad Brodehocke; et abinde ex t*ra*nsue*r*so re[g]ia via (*sic*) ib*idem* vsq*ue* ad vlte*ri*orem sepem de le Ruydinge*s* hospitali*s* S. Johan*nis*; & sic p*er* fossatu*m* duoru*m* camporu*m* p*re*dict*orum*, que vocantur le Ruydinges,[2] et p*er* croftu*m* vocatu*m* le Stripe vsq*ue* ad Ounetsford; et sic assendendo *per* acquam de Endemer vsq*ue* ad le Slowe[3] in Locarde*s* lane; et abinde diu*er*tendo ad corneram *parci* de Whitmore; et sic *per* fossatu*m* *parci* p*re*dicti vsq*ue* ad Walsichelane, et sic *per* illa*m* venella*m* vsq*ue* ad regia*m* via*m*, que ducit u*er*sus Nova*m* terra*m*, et dividit int*er* Folleshull & Kerusley[4] vsq*ue* ad Lullehurst-lane,[5] includendo totu*m* Corley wast & le Farthing heye; & sic descendendo *per* le Seche vsq*ue* ad corneram de Hugland; & sic assendendo (*sic*) *per* sepem & fossatu*m* int*er* Hugland et terra*m* Wille*lm*i Holbroke vsq*ue* ad terra*m* p*re*dicti Wille*lm*i, illa*m* includendo, vsq*ue* ad terra*m* quonda*m* Rad*ulfi*

[1] ab illa semper ad L. [2] Rudynge*s* L. [3] Slade L.
[4] In margin, 'divisio int*er* ffolleshull & Kerusley.' [5] Hulhurst L.

and thus by the well

to Gibe-lane,
and across Gib-lane to Elias Mylleward's land,

and as far as the highway leading to Wolpitlediat,
and thus to Madgeleys, and by

the bound to the Eaton way,

and thus to Shittehurneway, and thence to Shitt-croft corner, thence to Sydnall-gate, and thus by Merstone-way to Priest's-wood-end,

and by that to the Heye; and by the ditch to Boyswaste; and thus Sydnall-wood, the Breches, and the Sidoles, and what is contained between Merstone way, Foleshill-gate, Blackamore and W. in the Close's pen, are of the joint parishes of Foleshill and Exhall.]

Greene, et sic ad pute[u]m inter terras Radulfi Grene et Thome Grene, et a puteo directo ad Gibelane, et sic ex transuerso le Giblane vsque ad terram quondam Elie Mylleward quam Robertus S[e]wald nunc tenet, illam terram includendo, vsque ad Regiam viam que ducit ad Wolpitlediat; et sic per illam viam directo vsque ad Madgeleys, et sic directo per metam vsque ad viam que ducit de Coventria uersus Eyton, [1]vbi intermediant parochie de ffolkeshull & Exall,[1] & sic directo per illam viam vsque ad Shittehurne waye, & abhinc vsque ad Shittcrofte corner; & abinde ad Sydenhall-yate veniendo de Exall; & sic sequendo per Merstone waye, vsque ad Preistes wood end, & sic sequendo le Preistes wood vsque ad le heye; & sic per fossatum de le heye vsque ad Boyswast; & sic boscus de Sydenhall, le Breches, & le Sidoles & quicquid continetur inter Merstone waye & ffolkeshull yate & Blackamore vsque ad le penne quem Willhelmus in the Close nunc tenet, sunt de parochiis de [2]ffolkeshull & Exhall simul mixte.[2]

§ 4. TRINITY GILD FIELDS.

[Oct. 4, 1414, it was ordained by the 24 honest and legal men of the same leet; viz. J. Pres-

[3]Ad v. f. p. tentum apud Couentriam die Jouis proximo post festum S. Michaelis archangeli a. r. r. Henrici quinti (etc.) secundo, Ordinatum fuit per xx^ti iiij^or probos et legales homines eiusdem lete, videlicet per

[1—1] Repeated in margin. [2—2] In margin.
[3] Scribe A. leaf 6, back. V. f. p. = Visum franci plegii, view of frankpledge.

ton, etc.,

Joh. Preston, Joh. Skarborgh, Rob. Schipley, Will. Attilborgh, Joh. Allesley, Will. Bedford, Will. Belgraue, Joh. Goote, Joh. Horneby, Laur. Cooke, Pet. Weston, Joh. Parker, draper, Rob. Brodde, Joh. Happeford, Tho. Marchall, Joh. Wymondeswold, Hen. Wentbrygg, Tho. Harries, Galf. ffloure, Joh. Clerk, Ric. Joy, Edw. Lichefield, Will. Prees, jun: et Joh. Normaton, quod quilibet in futuro delinquens circa clausuram camporum gilde S. Trinitatis de Couentria capiatur et imprisonetur, ibidem com[m]oraturus donec sufficienter fecerit emendacionem per visum magistri Gilde predicte qui pro tempore fuerit, & sex suorum fratrum gilde predicte absque alia gracia.

that whoever in future damages the enclosure of the Trinity Gild fields be taken and imprisoned, there to remain until he have made amends fully according to the view of the then gild-master and six of his brethren without any grace.]

§ 5. [1]MICHAELMAS LEET, 1420.

[V. f. p. Wednesday after Michaelmas day 8 Henry V. (Oct. 2, 1420.)]

[Jury of 24,

Joh. Onley, Will. Attilburgh, Will. Bedford, Will. Dilcok, Ric Southam, Laur. Cook, Ad. Deyster, Joh. Leeder, Rad. Garton, Tho. Wildgryse, Egid. Allesley, Rob. Byfeld, Joh. Herdburgh, Gal. Floure, Tho. Grene, Ric. Poweyr, Joh. Coton, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Braunston, Will. Frysley,[2] Joh. Egeston, Joh. Montgomery, Joh. Dilcok, Joh. Michell.

who elect H. Peyto and J. Golofre bailiffs. At which view it was ordained that if any one prosecutes his neighbour in a strange county "court" without the mayor's

Qui elegerunt Hen. Peytoo et Joh. Golofre Balliuos.

Ad quem visum ordinatum fuit quod si aliquis imposterum prosequutus fuit (*sic*) proximum suum in Comitatu extraneo absque licencia

[1] leaf 11.

[2] ? Frysby.

licence he shall lose at every offence 100*s*.

maioris, q*uo*d p*er*dat ad quodl*ibe*t delictu*m* centum solido*s*.

Allso hit was then ordenyd þ*at* Will*iam* Oteley, wich kept[1] a cart & horses for clensyng of the stretys, shuld haue quarter*ly* of eu*ery* hall dorre j d., & eu*ery* schop ob.

Street cleaning.

[Ordained that the openings in "cunduits" at Bablake and at the house formerly John Patch's, and in West Orchard be destroyed and stopt up, so that for the future they may not be used.]

Item ordinatu*m* fuit q*uo*d les Suspirales ap*ud* Bablake[2] et ap*ud* domu*m* nup*er* Joh*ann*is Patch ac in le Westorchard deleantu*r* et obstupantu*r* (*sic*), Ita q*uo*d de cete*ro* no*n* vtantu*r*.

Item, at the same lete was ordenyd by the Justice*s* of peas, w*ith* thassent of the same lete, what artyficers and laborers shuld take from Mich*aelmas* vnto Estur aftur the fourm of the Statute, ut seq*uitur*.

ffirst, the m*aster* mason shuld tak be þe day v d. w*ith*out mete, and iij d. w*ith* meit & drynk.

"Raites of wages" of labourers fixed according to Statute of Labourers.

Item, a-noþ*er* mason þen a m*aster* should take iiij d. w*ith*out meite, & ij d. w*ith* meit & drynk.

Item, a m*aster* Carpynt*er* be the day v d. w*ith*out mete, & iij d. w*ith* mete, and a-noþ*er* iiij d. w*ith*-oute mete, and ij d. w*ith* mete.

Item, thakker, laborer, dawber, and palyer be the day iiij d. w*ith*out mete, & ij d. w*ith* mete.

Item, m*aster* Tiler be þe day iiij d. w*ith*out mete, and w*ith* met ij d., and his man iij d. w*ith*out mete, & j d. ob. w*ith* mete.

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§ 6. [3]ELECTION OF JOHN LEEDER, JAN. 25, 1421.

Elecc*io* Noui maioris, Noui Coronatoris, [nouorum] Came*rar*iorum & Custodu*m* redditu*m*, coram Joh*ann*e Goote, tunc maiore, Henric*o* Peytoo et Joh*ann*e Golofre, ballin*is* liber*tat*is ciuitat*is* Couentr*ie*, die Saboti (*sic*) in festo conu*er*sionis S. Pauli, a. r. r. Henrici qui*n*ti post conq*uest*-

[Election of new mayor, coroner, chamberlains, & wardens of rents, before the mayor and bailiffs on Saturday, the Conversion of S. Paul, 8 Henry

[1] keepeth. [2] At the west end of Coventry. [3] leaf 1.

V until the same feast next following.

um octauo usq*ue* ad idem [festum] p*roxi*mo sequ*ens*.[1]

The under-written elect the mayor,

Isti subscripti elegerunt Joh*an*nem Leeder Maiorem Ciuitat*is* Couentr*ie* p*ro* anno futuro, & Joh*an*nem Dilcok coronatore*m*, Joh*ann*em Braytoft & Joh*ann*em Bristow Came*rios*, et Will*elm*um Byfeld cum Joh*anne* Michell, Custod*es* reddit*um* ciuitat*is* p*redicte*.

coroner,

bailiffs,

wardens.]

24 Electors. Joh. Oneley, Will. Bellg*raue*, Joh. Esterton, Will. Dilcok, Will. Bedford, Will. Attilborgh, Rad. Garton, Tho. Grene, Egid. Allysley, Tho. Wildegryse, Will. Crose, Ric. Joy, Joh. Harborgh, Ric. Power, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Bowȝer, Joh. Egeston, Tho. Harrys, Joh. Tate, Will. Wymondeswold, Will. Crose, passynger,[2] Joh. Pynchebeke, Joh. Allysley, Irmong*er*, Will. Barton, hosyar.

[Ordained that the wardens make their accounts on Monday after Mid-Lent Sunday next to come.]

Item, ordinauerun*t* quod p*redict*us (*sic*) Will*elm*us Byfelde, Joh*ann*es Michell, Custod*es* reddit*um*, etc. facient compot*um* suu*m* p*ro* anno p*re*terito die Lune p*roxi*mo post diem Dom*ini*cam in medio xl^me^ p*roxi*mo future.

[Keepers of the keys of the common chest, where the common seal is kept.]

Isti sunt electi p*er* maiorem Custodes, quor*um* quil*ibet* eor*um* hab*et* in custodia sua claues com*muni*s pixid*is*, vbi com*mune* sigillu*m* com*munitat*is* custodit*ur*, vide*licet*, Joh. Leder, maior, vnu*m* (*sic*) clauem, Ad. Hyton, magister Gilde S. Trinitatis, aliu*m* clauem, Will. Bellg*raue*, s*imiliter* vnu*m* clau*em*, Ric. Southam aliu*m* clauem, Laur. Cooke vnu*m* clav*em*.

*Ordinacio maior*is *& consilii* p*ro honestate ciuitat*is p*redicte*.

Ordinance of the Mayor and Council for the honesty of the said city. Hitt is ordenyd that noo man put tymb*ur* ne kydd*es* ne Carry none thourho the churchyard, vpon the peyne of forfature of the forsaid tymb*ur* and kydd*es*; and that

[1] 1419 added in later hand. [2] v. Gloss.

no mān lay noo dōnge therin, vpon the pēyn of xij d. at eue*r*y defaute; Allso that no mān pyse in the churchyard, ne defile hit in noo mane*r* wise, vpon the pēyn of vj d. for eue*r*y defaut *with*out any g*r*ace.[2] "Churchyarde."[1]

[3]Allso that eue*r*y man make clene the streyte befor hu*r* place be-twen this and Thursday, and so eve*r*y Saturne-day aftu*r*, that is to say, from Saturday thurgh the yer, vpon the payn of xij d. at euery defalte *with*out any g*r*ace; and that no man Raak ne swep in tyme of rayne fro one to a-nothur, vpon the peyn of xij d. at eue*r*y default *with*out any g*r*ace, and his body to p*r*ison. "Streets clensed."[1]

Allso that hit be lefull to eue*r*y se*r*geant & Constable to rere the peyn abouesaid, or els to tak distres þe*r*for, and who þat lettyth hym or stryvyth *with* hem, or fallyth at debate *with* hem doyng þe*r* office, he shall have xl^{ti} [daies] emp*r*isonment, and pay xx s. to the vse of the Cite, *with*outten any g*r*ace. Sergeant and constable to raise the fine.

Allso that no man [put] no dong out of hur housis in-to the hiȝe streit, but hit be caryed a-way *with*in a nyght and a day, vpon the payn of xij d. at eue*r*y defaut to the vse of the Cite *with*outen g*r*ace. "Dung."

Allso that no man haue no tymbu*r*, nor Stoonys nor stokkys[4] lyyng be-for hur places, ne vndu*r* hur bulke*s*, ne in the highȝ streit, a-pon the peyn of xl d. and of forfatur of the said tymbu*r* abovesaid. "Tymber in street."

*Proclamacio maio*ris *Coventrie.*

THE MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION.

[5]We comm*a*unde ȝou, on the kynge*s* behalf of Inglond and of the maiours behalf and the Balyffe*s* of Couentre, þat eue*r*y Baxster that bakethe to sale, that he bake & sell iiij wastels for a peny, and ij for a peny, and iiij cokett louys for a peny, & ij for a peny and no less, so þat they ben of good bultre, and well bake & weyyng as the "Bakers." Price of loaf and weight;

[1—1] The marginal notes in inverted commas are those in MS., but in a later hand.

[2] This sentence shows the line over the n and m, a recurrent feature of this scribe's work. It is not reproduced in any further citations in print.

[3] leaf 1, back. [4] MS. stolkys.

[5] See the Victuallers' Statutes, 13 Ric. II, st. 1, c. 8, and 23 Ed. III, c. 6.

kynges marchallsy wull, vp the peyn at the fyrst trespas xiij s. iiij d., at þe second trespas vp the peyn to lese xx s., and at the iijde trespas to stond apon the pillary, and at the fourthe trespas to forswer the fredom of this Cite a twelmonyth & a day. Allso þat they bake & sell iiij whet loues for a penny, and ij for a peny, and no lesse, and that they be well bake, & that hit be noo dowhȝ within, vp the same peyn; and iiij horselouys for a penny, up the same peyn, so þat they be made of bene meele and peise mele without branne[1] or draff, up the same peyne. Allso leeful be hit to the Bakers of the contre to com hidur and sell hur brede, so that hit haue the weight as the kynges marchallsy wull; And þat no man lett them, vp the peyn of vj s. viij d. at euery trespas. Allso þat noo Osteler bake no maner of bred in hur houses, nodur mannys bred ne horsebred, to sell, up the payne of vj s. vii jd. at every trespas; and that they sell no derre in hur Innes, nedur benes, ne pesez, ne ootys in encrease, but as the Statute wull, that is to witt, at euery schillyng a penny.

penalties;

country bakers;

ostlers.

Allso we commaunde that no maner man house no wyne till the maiour haue sene hit, vp the peyne of xx s., and þat no tauerner put his wyne to sell but if hit be well fyned, vp the peyn of xx s. be the ouersight of the maiour and his peerys at euery trespas; and þat they [2]sell þer wyn with mesur ensealyd, and that thei sell no red wyne, ner whitt wyne of Gascoyne no derre then viij d. a galon, and white wyne of Rochell no derre then vj d. a galon, & maluesey & romeney for xvj d. a galon and no derre, vp the peyn of xx s. at euery trespas. Allso that thei sell noo Osey ne algarbe ne no bastard till the meyres (*sic*) and his peres haue seen hit, & set price theron, as hit is worthe, vp the peyn of xx s. at euery trespas. And that thei set no maner of wyne abrooche till the maiour haue seen hit, up the same peyn. Allso for-asmoche as hit is do the maiour to witt þat tauerners haue sold wyne to certen men of hur alye, be Tailes maid bytwen them, derre than þe maiour hathe ordenyd hit to be sold, hit is commaundyd þat as well he þat byeth

"Wyne";

Mayor to inspect wines.

[1] MS. inserts 'of.' [2] leaf 2.

wyne soo, as wele as the tauerner that sellyth his wyne so, schall lese xl s. at eu*e*ry trespas.

Allso we com*m*aund that no breuster sell no derre a galon of good ale will hit is new vnd*ur* the here syve, but for j d.[1] q[a] and when hit is good and stale for j d.[2] ob. & noo derre, and that they seale w*ith* measures insealyd, & not w*ith* Cuppis ne bollys, and w*ith* sygne set oute; and that þei sell it furthe out of h*ur* housez, as well as w*ith*-Inne, by measuris ensealyd, vpon the payn þat who-so will mak trew playnt to the maio*ur* therof, he schall haue iiij d. for his travayll and a galon of the best ale. And all the remena*un*t schal-be sold for a ob. ($\frac{1}{2}d.$), and no derre at euery trespas. And the maio*ur* schall take distrese of eu*e*ry breuster or hukster founden in defaut, & pay vj s. viij d. at eu*e*ry defaut; and that no breuster sell no derre a Cestron ale to noo hukster but for xviij d., up the peyn of xl d. at eu*e*ry defaut of eche brethon.[3]

"Bruer";

ale 1½*d.* and 1½*d.* a gallon;

bribe to informers.

Also we com*m*aund that no fyscher of Town ner of Contrey by no man*er* of fysche on Thursday over-nyght by way of regratry, ne on Fryday aft*ur* till hit be nyne of the Cloke, but if hit be lordys of the contrey or men of estate for h*ur* houshold, up the peyn of xx s. at eu*e*ry t*r*espas. Allso þat no man be so hardy to by ne reseyue in-to h*ur* housez, panyes w*ith* fyshe by way of regratry, up the payne of xx s., & lesyng all the fysche at euery trespas þat they may be found w*ith*, and that they sell noo stynkyng fysche for mannys meit, vpon the same peyn.

"Fysche not regrated" on Thursday.

Paniers of fish to be forfeited.

Allso we com*m*aund þat no vitaler, ffyschemong*er*, ne non o*þer* p*er*son, passe out of the Cite of Couentre for to by fische, ne non othur vitayle comyng toward the Cite, ne bye non in the Cite, till hit be ix of the clocke, till the maio*ur* haue seen hit, that hit be able for mannys mett, w*ith* the ou*er*sight of them þat the maio*ur* hath ordenyd for to ou*er*se suche man*er* of vitales, vp the peyn of xl d. at eu*e*ry defaut.

"Victuals to be viewed by the maiour," before purchase.

Allso we com*m*aund þat no bocher sell noo beestis of moren, ne no roten Schēp̄,[4] ne Sussemy flesche, ne non

"Murrain beastz, rotten sheep," tainted flesh,

[1] quadrans, farthing. [2] obolus, ha'penny. [3] v. Gloss.
[4] The line occurs sometimes over vowels, v. note p. 23.

not to be sold by butchers.

swyn of brym, vp the peyn of xx s. at eu*er*y trespas; and þ*at* thei put no flesche to sale on the Sonday that is left on the Thursday, but if hit be saltyd, and abull for mannys mette, up the same peyne. Allso lefull be hit

Country butchers;

vnto eu*er*y bocher of the contr*e* that will com hithur, and sell flesche þ*at* he com hid*ur* when his lykyng ys, any day of the weke, & allso to take a house in what streit he will, and that no man let hym, vpon the [1]peyn of xl s. and hur boodies to be p*r*isoned xl^{ti} daies. Allso lefull be hit to eu*er*y bocher w*it*hin this cite to sley of eu*er*y man*er* of kynd of flesche sesonable to mannys

no ordinance to the contrary under pain of 100*s.* fine.

mette, as myche as hem lykythe, and as ofte, so þ*at* no caue be made among them in contr*a*ry, vnd*er* the peyn of C s., and up the peyn of xx s. of eu*er*y bocher þ*at* obeyth to suche Caue, and his boody to p*r*ison as ofte as he may be founden in suche defaute.

"Cookes";

Allso we com*m*and[2] that no Cook by noo vitalys but in the comyn m*ar*kett, as it is ordenyd, be wey of reg*r*atry, þ*at* is [to] witt to kepe hem at the townys end or in the way, vp the peyn of vj s. viij d. at eu*er*y defaut. Allso

no rechaufe;

þ*at* no cooke sell no man*er* rechaufid meit[3] up the peyn

no filth to be cast about;

aforseyd at eu*er*y trespas. Allso þ*at* no Cook cast no man*er* of fylth vnd*ur* h*ur* bordys, ne in the hye str*e*t, ne suffur hit þ*er* to lye, that is to wit, fethurs, here, ne entrayls of pygges, ne of no othur bestes, up the peyn of xl d. at eu*er*y trespas. And þ*at* they sell the best Goos

no dead pikes or eels to be cooked.

for iiij d., & no derr*e*, up the same peyn. Allso þ*at* thei bye noo man*er* of deed pykes ne Elys for to bake ne dyght for mannys meit, vp the same peyn.

"Corn not in Inz";

Allso we comaund þ*at* non Osteler, ne non odur man dwellyng in this Cite, Receyve ne harbrugh no man*er* of Corn fro one day to anod*ur* w*it*houte the comune chepyng, up the peyn of xx s. at eu*er*y trespas. Allso þ*at* noo

badgers not to hide corn.

bagger, ner non othur man sett no corn in h*ur* houses ne in hydles,[4] but þ*at* they leden hit in to the Chepyng, & put hit þ*er* to sale hooly to-gethur, vp the peyn of forfature of all the Corn; And whosoeu*er* will com to the

[1] leaf 2, back. [2] MS. com̄amd.

[3] Compare Chaucer's 'Jak of Dover' pies that had been 'twies hot & twies cold.' See also Bateson, *Leicester*, II, 321.

[4] *N.E.D.* hidels = hiding places.

maiour, be he of town or of contrey, & warn him þerof wher hit is hyd[1] or sett, he schall haue a strik of corne for his labour. Allso þat all maner of baggers that com to this Cite, with corne to sell, þat they sett her corn by hem-selff, that is to witt, at the West orchard end, vp the peyn of xij d. at euery trespas.

Corn to be sold in the West Orchard.

Allso we commaund þat no man haue no Swyne goyng in the hyȝe streit, up the peyn of iiij d. at the first trespas, & at the second trespas viij d., ne that no man hold no swyne in hur bolkys,[2] ne in hur stallys by the hyȝ way, up the payn of xl d. at euery trespas; and þat no man haue no swyne goyng in no gardens ne pastures on the payn of xl d. at euery trespas.

"Swyne in the street";

no swine in bulks, or 4*d.* fine.

Allso we command þat no Bocher ne vitaler in tyme comyng mak non ordynaunce ne constitucion, but ȝif thei byn ouerseen be the maiour and the Balyffes, up the peyn of xl d. at euery trespas. Allso þat no congregacion be made be-cause echone to maynten odurs quarell,[3] ne goo to noo bede-ale out of this cyte, ne no rydyng into the contrey, without leue of the maiour and balyffes, up the peyn of xl s. at euery trespas. Allso þat no man be so bold ne so hardy to goo in-to the contrey to brek noo lordys parkes for to sley hur dere, ne hur Conyes, vndur peyn of a C s., and hur boodies to prison.

"Boucher, Vitaylour, make no ordinaunce without the Maiour"; no maintaining of mutual quarrels among crafts;

no one to break into lords' parks to slay conies and deer. 100*s.* fine.

[4]Allso þat no man haue no dokys goyng in þe streit, vp the peyn of forfatur of the same dokes, at euery defaut þat they may be founden withall, to the vse of the Cite.

"Duckes in the street."

Also þat no man hold no grett houndes ne byches goyng in the hyȝe way, up the payn of xl d. at euery trespas.

"Grey-hounds." 40*d.* fine.

Allso that no man throw ne cast at noo straunge man, ne skorn hym, ne draw no straw, ne hay, nor wood from no cart ne hors, vp the payn of empresonment of xl[ti] daies, and to mak fyne for the trespas to the maiour.

"no scornour of strangers."

Allso we commaund, and hit is ordenyd, that the Swan of this Cite drive the Swyne of this Cite to wastes and marreys a-bout this cite, & into non odur places, as in-to medows or in-to feldys, ne no whethur els as they may do harme, up the peyn of xl d. at euery trespas that

"Swine"; the swine-herd to drive swine to waste places.

[1] A deleted "of" follows. [2] v. Gloss.
[3] Something omitted. [4] leaf 3.

he may be founden *with*all, ȝif any man will playn on hym.

"Deister." "Nota." Allso we com*m*aund þat eue*r*y deister of this Cite, that hath a waturlad oue*r* the comyn Ryver, schall pay to the Chambu*r*layns of this Cite eue*r*y yer xij d. to the vse of this Cite.

"Fysher"; fisher's board in the Cross Cheaping. Allso we com*m*aund that eue*r*y fyscher, or any othur man þat hath any borde or Crache stondyng in the Crosechepyng in the hiȝe way, that thay byn don a-way eue*r*y Saturneday aftu*r* none, up the peyn of xij d. at eue*r*y trespas, but ȝif hit be in Lent tyme.

"Sworde drawen." Allso we com*m*aund that no man of town ne of contrey draw no swerd, ne knyfe, to odur, ne non othur wepon, up the peyn of xl d. at eue*r*y trespas, but if hit be hym-

"Strikers." self defendant; and if he smyte *with* a swerd or a knyfe drawyn he schall pay half a ma*r*ke at eue*r*y trespas to the Baylyffe*s*, but if hit be hym-self defendant.

Sute in this cyty." Allso we com*m*aund þat no man of this Cite plead o*þe*r of this Cite of con*t*ractes þat be done in othur courtes *with*out the Cite, but onely in the court of the

100*s*. fine. maio*u*r and baillife*s* of this Cite, up the peyn of a C s., at eue*r*y trespas þat they may be found *with*, to be paid to the vse of this Cite.

"mares." Allso þat no man haue marys goyng in the comyn pastur, vp the peyn of xx s. at eue*r*y t*r*espas to the vse of the Cite.

"Cartz on Fryday." Allso we com*m*and þat no man bryng no kyddes to this Cite, ne non odur wood in cartes on the Fryday to sell, up the peyn of xij d. at eue*r*y t*r*espas to the vse of this Cite.

"Billz"; weapons forbidden. Allso we com*m*aund that no bocher, ne non othur man of Craft, ne no nygh neighborgh of contre, ber no billys, ne gysarnez,[1] ne no grett stauys *with*in the Cite, up the peyn of forfatu*r*e of the same wepons, and hu*r* boodyes to p*r*ison and pay xx s. at eue*r*y trespas. And if ther [2]is ony of them þat will goo to hu*r* pastures, than leve her wepons at the townes hend & som mannys house. Saue leefull be hit to eue*r*y bocher and othur man of town and of contrey comyng to ma*r*ket to dryve hur beestis *with* smale stavys and non othur.

[1] Gisarme = a kind of battle-ax, bill or halberd.—*N.E.D.*
[2] leaf 3, back.

Allso we com*m*aund þ*a*t ev*e*ry hosteler warn hur geestys that they leve hur wepons w*i*th*i*n hur Innes, but if he be a knyght or a Squyer that may haue a swerd born aft*u*r hym, up the peyn of a xl d. at eu*e*ry trespas. Innkeepers to warn guests about their weapons.

Allso þ*a*t no man of any Crafte w*i*th*i*n this Cite mak Caue ne oth*u*r ordyna*u*nce among hem but hit be ouerseen be the maio*u*r & his cownsell, and if hit be resonable ordyna*u*nce & lawfull hit schal-be affermyd, or els hit shal-be correctyd be the maio*u*r & his peres, up the peyn of xl s. at eu*e*ry trespas to the vse of the Cite. "No crafts make bylaws but by Consent of the mayor"

Allso þ*a*t no man*e*r of hand-Crafte were any lyu*e*ry, but of his owne Crafte þ*a*t he vsith, up the peyn of xx s. and forfatur of the same lyu*e*ry, but if hit be of the gyldys of the Cite. no strange livery to be worn by craftsmen.

Allso that no Baxster sell no horsebred in-to any Ostree of more increase then ij d. at schillyng, up the peyn of vj s. viij d. at eu*e*ry trespas to the vse of the Cite. "Bakers."

Allso þ*a*t no Straunger sell bred w*i*th*i*n this Cite, but hit be furst brought to the Geylhall dore, & ou*e*rseen by the maio*u*r that hit haue lawfull wyghtȝ & due paaste, up the peyn of xij d. at eu*e*ry trespas, and þ*a*t no man by suche bred till hit be ou*e*rseen, up the same peyn.

Allso we com*m*and that no man*e*r of Straunger vitaler þ*a*t bryngithe See fische, heryng or any othur vitall to this cite for to sell, that he sell no man*e*r of suche fische ne no vitales till hit be ix of the cloke, & that hit be ou*e*rsen by the maio*u*r, þ*a*t hit be abull for mannys meite, w*i*th the ou*e*rsight of them þ*a*t the maio*u*r hath ordenyd to ou*e*rse all suche man*e*r of vitalyes, up the peyn of xl d. at eu*e*ry trespas þ*a*t they may be founden w*i*thall and preved Gylty. "Fish to be viewed before it be sold."

Allso we com*m*aund þ*a*t no man*e*r of fresche fysher by, ne take up, no man*e*r of fresche fysche of men of the contrey by way of regratry; þ*a*t is to witt, for to by hit of men of the contrey, and aft*u*r to sell hit agayn to hur neyghbures, up the peyn of iij s. iiij d. at eu*e*ry trespas. Regrators.

Allso we com*m*aund that no man by hym-self, ne by his *s*er*v*a*u*n*t*es, cast no dong of hur stablez, ne non othur fylthe in the comune Ryver, up the peyn to pay at the fyrst trespas half a marke, at the second trespas j "Purpestures in the River": filth not to be cast into the river.

marke, and at the thryd trespas xx s. Allso þat no man make noo purpresture ne stoppyng with trees ne stones ne with no othur filthe in the forseid Ryver up the peyn aforsaid. Allso þat no man put noo dong to his neyghbour, ne Rake ne Swep in tyme of Rayne, up the peyn of xij d. at euery trespas. Allso þat no man by hym ne be his servauntes cast in-to the dyke of this Cite no maner of filthe be day ne by nyght, up the peyn of vj s. viij d. at euery trespas þat they may be founde withall. And þat no man do make ony hegge [1]be viij foote nyghe the foresaid diche within ne without be vj fotte, ne that no man dig ne lede thens any cley, up the peyn of vj s. viij d. at euery trespas to the vse of the Cite, & allso up the peyn of imprisonment of xl^ti^ dayes without ony grace. Allso that no man Carry ne ley no dong vpon the hiȝe pauement leedyng from the New ȝate toward the quarell but at the asche, up the peyn of ij s. at euery trespas. Ne þat no man by hym, ne by his neygborous lay no dong at the townsend in no placys, but without the stakes that be þer sett in the dyke beyond the Frer gate, and in the pytt be-yond the Lytull parke streitt gate, and at Derne yate up the payn of ij s. at euery trespas. Allso þat euery man mak his pauement clen be-for his housz euery Saturneday in the yer, up the peyn of xij d. at euery trespas. Ne that no man Carry no dong out of hur houses ne out of hur stables in-to the strett, but if they haue Cartes redy to carry hit a-way, up the payn of xl d. at euery trespas with-Inne a day and a nyght to the vse of this Cite.

"Sweeping streets."

No hedge to be made near the town ditch.

Dong to be laid near the ash.

Every man make his pavement clean every Saturday.

Allso we command no man do dig clay at Botesgrene, ne that no man dig sond vndur Saynt Nicolas churcheyard, up the peyn of vj s. viij d. at euery trespas. Allso þat no man dig no sond in the Lytull parke withouten leve, up the peyne of xl d. at euery trespas. And that all thes peynyes abouesaid, when they be forfetid, be reryd to the vse of the comyn profet of the cite of Couentre.

"Sand [and] Clay."

Allso hit is ordenyd þat all maner men, þat will sew here aftur remedy for to haue by ordynaunce of the lete

"Bills to be brought 4 dales before the lighte" (leet).

[1] leaf 4.

gen*er*all or specyall, þ*at* they mak hur bylles, and delyu*er* hem to the maio*ur* iiij dayes be-fore eu*er*y lete, þ*at* the maio*ur* may tak afor the lete the gen*er*al councell of this cite, xxiiij to comyn of the maters conteynyd in h*ur* billes for the mor spede of the day of the lete, and that no byllez aft*ur* the forsaid iiij day be receuyd.

Allso þ*at* eu*er*y man that hath byn maio*ur* & Baliff, and eu*er*y comyner of this Cite, be attendant and com to þe maio*ur* up reasonable warnyng, up the peyn of eu*er*y man þ*at* hath byn maio*ur* of half a marke, and baliffes and Chamb*ur*layns of xl d., and comyners at xx d. at eu*er*y defaut, levey to be made to the vse of the Chambure. "Fines for not appering at the Leet."

Allso that þe Ryuer and the brokes þ*at* comyth and rennyth in to this Cyte, & allso the Red-dyche be enlargid of the breed he owithe to haue of ryght cours, þe wiche, be encrochment of dwellers of both sydes, be strayted and narrowid, & w*ith* filthe, dong and stonys the wat*ur* stoppyd of his cours; þ*at* eu*er*y man voide afor his ground thorugh the wat*ur*, and dyche and clense hym vnto his old ground, to thend the waturs in flod tyme may the lyghtlyer passe, eschewyng dyu*er*s perels had afortyme by floodys thurgh stoppyng and str*a*yting of the same Ryvers & dyches, a this side mydsom*er* day, up the peyne of eu*er*y man founde in defaut xx s. And þ*at* all the pr*e*vies vpon the same Red-dych[1] be remouyd, & done a-way by Whitsonday, w*ith*out makyng or releuyng of hem, up the peyn of xl s. of eu*er*y man þ*at* may be found in defaute. "For þe straiting of the Rivers." River to be cleansed, so as to avoid floods.

[2]Allso that the waturlades[3] after the same Ryvers and brokes set w*ith*in the streme be vttu*r*ly remeuyd and done a-way a this side Whitsonday, up the peyn of xx s., Provided allwey that the maio*ur* haue power be the gen*er*all counsaill of the Cite to treitt w*ith* the dwellers aft*ur* the wat*ur*sydes for hur wat*ur*lades vnd*ur* this forme for the comyn pr*o*fett of this Cite. That is to witt, that whoso will haue ony esement a-pon the Ryver as by wat*ur*lades, þ*at* he sue vnto the maio*ur* suche esement to haue, bothe of lenght aftur the ryver and brookes, & brede in-to hem, yeldyng a c*er*ten vnto the Chamb*ur* as he may accord w*ith* the maio*ur* & his councell aforsaid. And þ*at* the wat*ur*- "Diers and others to Agree with the mayor for water-lays."

[1] In Little Park Street. [2] leaf 4, back. [3] v. Gloss.

lades, suche trety and acord had *with* the maio*ur*, be drawyn up eu*er*y nyght eschewyng p*er*ell of ffloodes fallyng in nyghttyme, up the peyn of xx s. at eu*er*y defaute. And allso þ*at* no deister put no groundez of hur fattes, ne non othur fylthe, into the comyn Ryver, up the peyn of xij d. at eu*er*y defaut.

Allso þ*at* eu*er*y man, hauyng housz or land a-gaynst the town dyk w*ith*out the town wall Joynyng up the same dyke, void and clense the same dyke ayenst his house & lond, þe wich is throw down, streytid and stoppid in the defaut of the occupiers of the same housz & lond, a this side Whitsonday, up the peyn of eu*er*y man in defaut founden of xx s.

Cleansing of town ditch.

Allso that the maio*ur*, Recorder & Balyff*es* takyng to the maio*ur* viij or xij of the gen*er*all councell [command] to com a-for hem the wardens of all the Craftes of the cite w*ith* hur ordyna*u*nce touchyng h*ur* craftys and h*ur* articles. And the poyntes þ*at* byn lawfull, good and honest for the Cite be alowyd hem, and all othur throw[n] asid, and had for none; and þ*at* they mak [no] new ordyna*u*nce a-yenst the law in opp*r*ession of the people, up the peyn of imp*r*esonment, & to tak fyne at the kynge*s* wyll.

Craft rules.

Allso þ*at* Sellers of Otemele of the contrey stond nygh3 the Jeilhall dore w*ith* sellers of brede, and that they sell by mesures ensealid, aft*ur* the stondard for comyn p*r*ofett of the people up the peyn of xx s.

"Sellers of oatmeale to show at Jayle hall with bakers."

Allso that no man*er* of bocher fro this tyme forward sle no man*er* of beest w*ith*in the wall of þis cite saue onely Swyne, up the peyn of xx s. at eu*er*y defaute. And allso-sone as the skaldyng-house ordenyd by this Cite be full fynyshid and redy that they skald þ*er* swyne in the same house, & in no othur house, up the peyn of xx s. at eu*er*y defaute. And þ*at* eu*er*y bocher fro this tyme forward haue flesch to sell, and sell a-pon the Saturnday to eu*er*y man þ*at* will bye hit, up the peyn of xl d. at eu*er*y defaut. And that all man*er* bochers sell all man*er* offall of beestys, the wiche is abull for mannys meite, to eu*er*y man & woman þ*at* will bye þ*er*of, up the peyn of ij s. at eu*er*y defaute þ*at* they be founden in. ¶ Allso

"Butchers kill no flesh within the wall."

lefall be hit to eu*er*y man of town and contrey to com and by flesche vpon the Saturday as well as any othur day in the weeke.

Allso fyschers þ*at* bryng See fysche in-to this cite be not Osted ne Inned at any fischers housz of this cite, but at othur Innes at lymytac*i*on of the maio*ur*; and to mak true relac*i*on to hym how many panyers and what man*er* fysche the forsaid fischers bryng in-to h*ur* Innes ther hoost schal-be sworne to the maio*ur*. And allso þ*at* hur hoost haue in charge that they [1]bryng all hur fysche in-to the m*ar*kett, w*ith*out they sett up any fische in any othur fyschers houses, or that they conseyll hit in any man*er*, up the peyn of eche of hem þ*at* may be found in defaut of xl d.

"fish."

"fish-mongers."

Allso that þe T*r*inite gilde haue h*ur* close feldis severell, þe wich haue be g*r*aunted a-fore tyme for the payment þ*at* they pay to the p*ri*our, that is to witt x li, the wiche all the comyns be bound for to the same p*ri*our.

Trinity Gild closes.

Allso hit is ordenyd that the fraunches of this Cite be Ryden this yere w*ith*in the monyth of May, what day the maio*ur* will lymyt hit, be good aduyse and at his leysure.

"Riding the bounds."

THE COUNCIL.

John Leder, maio*ur* of the Cite of Couentr*e* w*ith* his councell the Thursday next aftur the feest of the Purificac*i*on of our Lady haue made a hall, and they haue made this ordyna*u*nce folowyng:

Mayor's Council. Feb. 6, 1421.

In p*ri*mis they haue ordenyd þ*at* the Chamburlans shull begyne to wurche at the New yate and the Cook strett yate.

Chamberlains to repair gates.

Allso they haue chesyn Will*i*am Oteley comyn s*er*geaunt for this yer.

Allso þ*at* all good ordyna*u*nce of the leetys be sought up and wryton in a regestre, that they may be of record foreuermore, be ou*er*sight of the recorder, for worschip and honesty of this Cite.

Register of Leet ordinances.

Allso thei haue ordenyd þ*at* John Golofre and Rob*er*t

[1] leaf 5.

Chamberlains' accounts.

Melburn 3ef hur accompt for the yer that thei wer chamburleyns at Esture next comyng, up the peyn of a C s.

Allso þat Henry Breux & John Cotton 3ef hur accompt for the yere þat þei were chamburlens at mydsomer next comyng, up the peyn of C s.

Allso þat Ric. Joy com and 3ef his accompt of officer of chamburlen at the fest of Saynt Michaell, up the peyn of C s.

Allso that John Golofre, & Robert Sklatier com & mak hur accompt at the same fest of Saynt Michaell, up the peyn of C s.

[1][Henry Breux & John Coton to give their accounts at All Hallows, and John Braytoft & John Bristow at the Circumcision under the same penalty.]

[2]Mem. that on Mar. 15. 8 Hen. V.

John Leeder mayor (etc.) with his council gave the lord king at his coming from France £100 with a gold cup worth £10, and also to the queen on her coming from France to Coventry £100 with a gold cup worth £10.]

Mem. quod quintodecimo die mensis Martii a. r. r. Henrici quinti (etc.) octauo Joh. Leeder, maior ciuitatis Couentrie, cum consilio suo dederunt domino Regi in aduentu suo de Francia centum libras cum vno Cipho de auro ad valenciam decem librarum. & etiam dederunt regine in suo aduentu a Francia in Couentriam Centum libras cum vno cipho de auro ad valenciam x li.

EASTER LEET.

[3]Leet held on Wednesday after close of Easter 9. Hen. V. (Ap. 2, 1421.)]

Couentre. V. f. p. tentus ibidem die Mercurii proximo post clausum Pasche anno ix° Henrici quinti.

[for jury v. p. 36.]

"Court."

concerning attorneys.

At wich lete was ordenyd þat no attornay of the court of the Cite of Couentre, ne non othur person longyng to the court, be not a-bout for to adnule þat is of Record in the court, & enrollyd in the court Rolles, that is to say somon [of] any Straungers, & continuance of Capias & Scire facias; and allso of his attorney and testamentes, seyng to the Bayliffes or to the Clerk, hit is falsely entred

[1] leaf 5, back. [2] leaf 6, back. [3] leaf 11, back.

& falsly done, ne sklaund*ur* not the court in no wise, vppon the peyn at eu*er*y def*aut* to lese vj s. viij d. to the vse of the Baliffes, & for to be put out of the courte for the tyme of the same maio*ur* & bayliffes, as long as they byn in office. And allso that no attornay be attornay for no str*au*nge p*er*son, but if he bryng the same p*er*son for to be receyvyd, or els þ*at* he bryng a lawfull l*ett*re attorney; and þ*at* he bryng not one p*er*son for a-noþ*ur*, up the same peyn.

[[1]At the same Leet before John Leeder, mayor, Hen. Peyto & John Golofre, bailiffs, Ric. Crosby, prior of Coventry, Thomas [2]master of S. John's hospital, M^r^ John Bredon, doctor of theology, and many others, presented the following bill.]

To the reu*er*ent and wurschipfull states that her byn, and to all wurthy men of this gr*ett* lete be this bill Schewid and Rad:—For-as-moche as þ*er* be many good ordyna*u*ncez maid by the maio*ur* and be his good counsell, God saue hem, the wiche w*ith* the gr*a*ce of God shuld turne the town to gr*ett* worschip & pr*o*sperite: We wold desiren a thyng, the wiche was neu*er* ordenyd be no lete, nor be counsell of the maio*ur* and his peerys, That hit myght by your hye and good discr*e*ssion be set in a-nothur kynd, and that is the gr*ett* multytude of peopull, the wich is gatherid to-gethur on mydsomer evyn, and apon Seynt Peturs, for we supposyn þ*at* hit lyeth in no mannys power, thowȝe he ordeyn for hem as well as he can, for to plese hem all. And not onely for this cause, but allso of gr*ett* debate and man-slauȝghter and othur*e* perels and synnes þ*at* myght fall, and late haue fallen. And þ*er*for ȝif hit lyke yow, we wold shew you how us thynkyuth best hit myght be sett in bett*ur* Gouernanse in Eschewyng of many peryls. If hit lyke yo*ur* discression, vs thynkyth þ*at* hit were good Gouernauns that eu*er*y ward kept hem w*ith*in h*ur* own ward in good and honest aray; and eu*er*y ward w*ith*in hem-self chese hem ij wardens for to haue the gou*er*nance of the ij nyght*es* beforseid; and the maio*ur* to walk w*ith* cert*en* men, the wiche byn pleasyng vnto hym; and the Baylyffes the same wyse on the second

The prior and others present a bill concerning the riots on Midsummer Eve and S. Peter's Night.

[1] leaf 9, back. [2] Blank in MS.

nyght, for to walk thorow all the wardys of the town; and the maiour to gyve a subsydye of money to the wardens of yche warde on the furst nyght, and the Bayliffes to doo the same on the second nyght; The wich subsidye must be ordenyd be the maiour and his counsell what hit schal-be in this mayres tyme, and allso in tyme comyng. Now ȝe haue herd the entent of this bill wurche now by your discression in the name of the Trinite.

[[1] At this leet before J. Leeder, mayor, J. Weston, A. Hiton, and his fellows, the lord king's Justices of Coventry, a certain Joh. Rook and Ric. Goddesley put up a bill, of which the tenor followeth in these words:]

Petition of two men for a reward.

To you worshipfull & Reuerent masturs & souerens of this wurthy Cite, Besechith, ȝif hit lyke yow, John Rook & Ric. Goddesley, your seruantes, þat ȝe wull vouchesaufe be consideracion of the good & greable seruis þat they haue done yow, and purposen to contynew at your will with all hur myght and connyng, vpon hur good beryng, to graunt hem a reward at your good avyse, in supportyng of hur honestye, to be takyn of the Chamburlens that tyme beyng or heraftur for to be.

[And thereupon by common assent of the honest and lawful men elected to this leet, by assent of [24 names] they have answered thus: that the said John and Richard shall have 20*s.* a year on their good behaviour, viz. 10*s.* apiece, for the fame of the city, from the Chamberlains for the time being.]

& vnde per communem assensum proborum et legalium hominum ad hanc letam electorum, videlicet per assensum Ad. Hiton, Will. Belgraue, Joh. Goote, Will. Dilcok, Will. Attylburgh, Ric. Southam, Laur. Cooke, Will. Bedford, Tho. Wyldgryse, Rad. Garton, Will. Crose, Ric. Joy, Ric. Power, Egid. Allesley, Tho. Grene, Joh. Parker, Gal. fflore, Joh. Braytoft, Hen. Breux, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Coton, Joh. Michell & Will. Byfeld sic responsum dederunt: quod predicti Johannes et Ricardus super eorum bona gestura annuatim habebunt viginti solidos, videlicet quilibet eorum decem soli-

[1] leaf 10.

dos, pro honestate Ciuitatis predicte, de Camerariis qui pro tempore existunt (*sic*) etc.

THE KING'S LOAN.

Loan of £100 to Henry V, May 3, 1421.

[1][The following lent (prestiterunt) £100 to the King at the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross, 9 Henry V.]

From Gosford Street.

De Vico de Gosforde.

	£	s.	d.
In primis Laur. Cooke	4	0	0
Joh. Golofre	2	0	0
Will. Crose	2	0	0
Joh. Wellford	1	0	0
Joh. Ellford		6	8
Bened. Marshall		6	8

From Jordenwell and Mill Lane.

De vico vocato Jurdenwell & Millane.

Tho. Wildegryse	4	0	0
Ric. Power	1	0	0
Joh. Coton	2	0	0
Will. Deyster, Cardmaker		6	8
Joh. Abram		6	8
Joh. Dilcok		6	8
Joh. Walley		6	8

Much Park Street.

Muche parke streit.

Joh. Esterton	5	0	0
Hen. Peyto	4	0	0
Joh. Braytofte	2	0	0
Will. Byfelde	1	0	0
Joh. Clerk	1	0	0
Will. Faseman	1	0	0
Will. Brydd		6	8
Tho. Crose		6	8

Bayly Lane.

Bayly lane.

Will. Brooke		6	8
Hen. Brydde		6	8
Joh. Benet, wyrdrawer		6	8
Joh. Hurley		6	8
Leonardus Lyney		6	8

Little Park Street

Litull parke streit.

Will. Belgraue	5	0	0
Joh. Goote	5	0	0
Rad. Garton	2	0	0
Rob. Byfeld	2	0	0
Joh. Herdeborgh	1	0	0
Joh. Michell	1	0	0
Will. Frysby		6	8
Joh. Warrant		6	8

Broadgate.

Brodeyate.

Egid. Allesley	2	0	0
Ric. Oneley	1	0	0
Ric. Bushebury, barbour		10	0
Rog. Cokkes		6	8

Smithford Street.

Smythford [Street].

Joh. Oneley	3	0	0
Joh. Bowȝer	2	0	0
Joh. Brystow	2	0	0
Will. Wymswold		13	4
Gal. Flour	2	0	0
Will. Coppe		13	4
Will. Pewterer		6	8
Joh. Bramston		13	4

Spon Street.

Sponstreit.

[2]Joh. Deister, wolman		6	8
Will. Pratte, deister		6	8

Cross Cheaping.

Crose Chepyng.

Adam Hyton	5	0	0
Tho. Grene	3	0	0
Ric. Joy	2	0	0
Joh. Parker	1	0	0
Rob. Melburn	2	0	0
Hen. Breux	2	0	0
Joh. Cambryge		6	8
Joh. Egeston		6	8
Hen. Sircok		6	8
Will. Bettley		10	0
Ric. Botoner		13	4
Joh. Brydde, pewterer		6	8
Johanna Northwood	1	0	0
Will. Swanne		6	8
Will. Repyngton		13	4
Joh. Normanton		6	8
Joh. Launde		6	8
Rob. Cotoner		6	8
Will. Attylburgh	2	0	0
Joh. Euerdon	1	0	0

[1] leaf 8.

[2] leaf 8, back.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Style, deyster		6	8
Ric. Dene		6	8
Agnes Weedon		6	8
Joh. Doughty		6	8

Bishop Street.

Bischopestreit.	£	s.	d.
Ric. Southam	5	0	0
Will. Staunton		6	8
Joh. Montgomery		6	8
Hen. Knott		6	8
Joh. Walgraue		6	8
Will. Crudworthe	1	0	0

THE GILD FIELDS.

[[1]On July 12, 1421, all underwritten were called to, and assembled in,

S. Mary's Hall, by the mayor's requisition, to enquire about certain fields of the Trinity Gild, whether they are several or no, viz. Poddy-croft, Stivichall-Hiron, Long-croft and Bateman's-acre, who indeed say that on Thursday after Michaelmas 8 Ric. II, at a leet held at Coventry before J. Marton, mayor (etc.) it was ordained and granted that the Trinity gild master should have and hold those fields in severalty, and that the gild master should pay as long as he pleased £10 on the community's behalf, as appears more fully in the same leet. Therefore by these honest and legal men, chosen for this cause by the mayor, it was ordained and confirmed —that the said fields be held

[1] leaf 6, back.

Mem. quod duodecimo die Julii a. r. r. Henrici quinti post conquestum nono omnes subscripti conuocati fuerunt et congregati in aula S. Marie Couentrie, per requisicionem Johannis Leeder, tunc maioris ciuitatis Couentrie, ad inquirendum de quibusdam campis pertinentibus Gilde S. Trinitatis Couentrie etc.: Vtrum sunt separabiles vel non: Videlicet de campis vocatis Podycroft, Stycheallhiron, le Long Croofte & Batemansacre. Qui uero[2] dicunt quod die jouis proximo post festum S. Michaelis archangeli a. r. r. Ricardi secundi (etc.) octauo ad vnam letam apud Couentriam tentam coram Johanne Marton, tunc maiore predicte ciuitatis Couentrie, Ordinatum fuit et concessum quod magister Gilde S. Trinitatis (etc.) haberet et teneret campos illos in separali: & quod magister Gilde predicte solueret pro communitate ville predicte quolibet anno quamdiu sibi placuerit decem libras, prout in eadem leta plenius continetur etc. Ideo per istos probos et legales homines, ex parte maioris causa predicta electos, ordinatum est et confirmatum quod campi predicti teneantur in separali quamdiu

[2] MS. looks like "non."

several, as long as the master will pay the £10 for the community, to the prior of S. Mary's Cathedral, as appears etc.]

magister Gilde predicte decem libras predictas pro communitate (etc.) soluere voluerit priori ecclesie Cathedralis B. Marie de Couentria, prout in leta predicta plenius apparet.

[Names follow.]

sequuntur nomina.

[1]Joh. Oneley, Will. Belgraue, Joh. Goote, Ric. Southam, Laur. Cook, Ad. Deyster, Joh. Esterton, Hen. Peytoo, Joh. Golofre, Joh. Parker, Rad. Garton, Egid. Allesley, Tho. Grene, Tho. Wildegrise, Ric. Power, Gal. fflower, Joh. Harborgh, sen., Rob. Byfeld, Ric. Joy, Will. Crosse, Hen. Breux, Joh. Coton, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Bristow, Joh. Welford, Bened. Marchall, Rad. Alot, Joh. Dilcok, Joh. Lysturley, Joh. Clerke, Will. Brydd, Joh. Euerdon, Will. ffrysby, Hen. Brydde, Joh. Sircok, Joh. Doughtye, Joh. Styll, deyster, Joh. Montgomery, Joh. Allesley, Iremonger, Joh. Boteler, Hen. Knott, Joh. Egeston, Rob. Lyrpole, Joh. Wallgraue, Joh. Deyster, wolman, Mat. White, Joh. Lychefeld, mercer, Will. Staunton, Sim. Deyster, Will. Deyster, cardmaker, Joh. Bryane, Joh. Stafford, wyrdrawer, Ric. Walkleyne, Rob. Pinnok, Joh. Lee, Nic. Gryve, Tho. Daw, Rob. Danyell, Will. Byfeld. Will. ȝate, cardemaker, Will. Bayly, mercer, Joh. Wilbye, Nic. Byfeld, Tho. Cokkes, Ad. Swete, Tho. Reyuer, Joh. Warront, Ric. Sharpe, Will. Swan, Rob. Cotoner, Joh. Chandeler, Ric. Benchis, Ric. Southam, jun., Joh. Michell, Tho. Bedford, Tho. Harrys, Joh. Normanton, Ric. Paunton, Joh. Harborgh, jun., Joh. Chubbok, Joh. Marston.

[2]Joh. Bramston, Joh. Crosse, Ad. Dyer, Will. Allesley, Joh. Whitley, Will. Brooke, Joh. Benett, wyrdrawer, Joh. Spencer, Will. fflekney, Rog. Cookes, Rob. Saxton, Will. Marchall, Joh. Archar, Ric. Busshebury, barbour, Rob. Coteler, Will. Swetnam, Ric. Oneley, Will. Stoneley, Ric. Hiklyng, Joh. Tate, God. Barbour, Joh. Bowȝer, Tho. Carter, Joh. Blakman, Joh. Pynchebek, Tho. Ive, Rob. Melton, Hugo Rogeley, Will. Pratte, Joh. Marnam, Ric. Leysyngham, Joh. Menley, Tho. Russell, Joh. Caumbyrge, coteler, Ric. Melburn, Edw. Lychefeld, Joh. Brygtsmere, Joh. Ronten, Ric. Botoner, Joh. White, Bocher, Hen.

[1] leaf 7. [2] leaf 7, back.

Rondall, Joh. Edward, deister, Joh. Lychefeld, Ric. Marche, Hen. Walker, Will. Wilkyns, Joh. Auger, Will. Bate, Will. Crudworthe, Ric. Dean, Joh. Laund, Joh. Clyston, Walt. Assheby, mercer.

LAND GRANTS AND TOWN BUSINESS.

Witnesses of sealing of grants of common property.

[1]Joh. Leeder, maior, Ad. Hyȝton, M. G. S. T.,[2] Joh. Esterton, M. G. C. Ch.,[3] Will. Belgraue,[4] Joh. Golofre,[4] Rad. Garton, Tho. Wildegryse, Egid. Allesley, Rob. Byfeld, Hen. Breux, Joh. Coton, Joh. Brystow, Joh. Braytoft, Will. Wymswolde, Joh. Ray, Joh. Warraunt.

[The above-written worthy men were summoned to S. Mary's Hall to witness sealing of indentures conveying tenements (of common property) and to give good counsel.

It was seen to be more expedient and necessary that the mayor should call together the under-written and fellow citizens on this occasion. Therefore by the provision of the mayor the day fixed on the Thursday before S. James' day (Jul. 24), when the mayor summoned the under-written, who assembled for the sealing.]

[15 Jul. 9 Hen. V.] Omnes suprascripti fidedigni convocati fuerunt et congregati in aula S. Marie de Couentria ad interessendum sigillacioni diuersarum indenturarum factarum diuersis personis eiusdem ciuitatis de tenementis eis concessis, et ad perhibendum consilium suum bonum in hoc casu. & quia videbatur maiori et fidedignis suprascriptis ad tunc quod maius expediendum[5] foret et necesse quod predictus maior conuocari faceret et haberi coram se in aula predicta personas subscriptas & plures conciues Ciuitatis predicte occasione predicta. Ideo per previdentiam[6] predicti maioris et sui consilii dies prefixus est usque diem Jouis proximum ante festum S. Jacobi apostoli proximo futurum, ad quem diem predictus maior venire fecit istos subscriptos, qui Sigillacione (*sic*) indenturarum predictarum totaliter se aggregauerunt.

[1] leaf 9. [2] Magister gilde S. Trinitatis, Master of the Trinity Gild.
[3] Magister gilde Corporis Christi, Master of the Corpus Christi Gild.
[4] Bracketed as "ballivi." [5] *sic.* expediens.
[6] *sic.* ? providentiam.

More witnesses summoned by wards.

De Vico Gosforde. Laur. Cooke, Will. Crose, Joh. Wellford, Bened. Marshall, Rad. Alott.

Erlestreit.[1] Will. Deyster, Joh. Dilcok, Ric. Power, Joh. Cressy, Joh. Bryan.

Muchepark. Will. Brydd, Rob. Pynnock, Will. ȝate, cardmaker, Will. Bayly, mercer.

Brodyate. Will. Flekney, Rog. Cokkes, Will. Marchall, Ric. Bushebury, Ric. Oneley.

Erlstreit. Will. Attilburgh, Joh. Goote, Joh. Harborgh, sen., Tho. Bedford, Ric. Southam, jun., Joh. Euerdon, Tho. Harries, Will. Frysby, Tho. Cokkes, Nich. Byfeld.

Balylane. Joh. Harborgh, jun., Will. Brook, Joh. Runton,[2] Will. Allesley, Hen. Bryde, Ad. Dyer, Joh. Benett, wiredrawer.

Smythforde. Joh. Oneley, Galf. Flour, Will. Pewterer, Joh. Bowȝer, God. Barbour.

Spanstreit. Hugo Rogeley, Joh. Deyster, wolman, Joh. Pynchbek, Will. Pratte, Joh. Marnam, Will. Kerver.

Crosechepyng. Rob. Melburn, Joh. Cambrige, Joh. Egynton, Will. Bynley, Joh. Parker, Ric. Joy, Will. Dilcok, Rob. Lyrpoole, Joh. Pewterer, Tho. Grene, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Doughty, Will. Stylle, deyster.

Welstret. Ric. Southam, sen., Will. Staunton, Joh. Prentes, [3]Joh. Collyshull, Hen. Knott, Will. Porter, Joh. Allysley, Will. Crudworthe, Will. Bate, Joh. Lychefeld, bocher.

Michaelmas Leet, Oct. 4, 1421.

[4][V. f. p. before same[5] on Saturday after Michaelmas 9 Hen. V.]

Jurors

Ad. Deyster, Joh. Oneley, Will. Belgraue, Joh. Goote, Ric. Southam, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Esterton, Tho. Willgryse, Joh. Parker, draper, Rad. Garton, Gal. Floure, Rob. Byfeld, Ric. Power, Tho. Grene, Will. Crose, Ric. Joye, Joh. Herburgh, sen., Will. Byfeld, Joh. Michell, mercer, Joh. Northwod, Joh. Clerk, Tho. Bedford, Joh. Dilcok, sen., Joh. Euerdon.

[They elected Hen. Breux and Rob. Melburn bailiffs.]

1421.

[[6]Oct. 11. 9 Hen. V: Delivered by John Leeder, mayor

[1] An error for Jorden Well. [2] Ronton, Staffs.
[3] leaf 9, back. [4] leaf 11, back. [5] v. p. 35.
[6] leaf 8, back.

Bonds for £533 6*s*. 8*d*. and tallies for £100.

and his council to Ric. Acton in S. Mary's Hall the following bonds (obligaciones): a bond for £200 dating from John Goote's mayoralty; one for £100 from John Hornby's time; a bill of 200 marks upon a jewel (sup*er* vno jocali) from Laurence Cook's time; two of the king's Exchequer tallies for £100 from John Leeder's time.]

§ 7. JOHN ESTERTON, MAYOR.

"Couentre." Easter Leet, Ap. 22, 1422.

[1][V. f. p. held before John Esterton, mayor, Hen. Breux and Rob. Milburn, bailiffs, on Wednesday before S. George's day, 10 Hen. V.

Nothing ordained and enrolled.]

"Couentre." Michaelmas Leet, Oct. 3, 1422.

[2][V. f. p. before the same on Saturday after Michaelmas, 1 Henry VI.]

Jury of thirty names.

Ric. Southam,[3] Wil. Belg*r*aue,[3] Will. Dilcok,[3] Laur. Cook,[3] Ad. Deyster,[3] Joh. Leeder,[3] Tho. Wildgrise, Rad. Garton, Hen. Peyto, Will. Crose, Ric. Joye, Joh. Golofre, Joh. Herborugh, sen., Tho. Grene, Joh. P*ar*ker, Will. Byfeld, Ric. Oneley, Joh. Clerk de Mich[ael],[4] Joh. Michell, m*er*cer, Joh. Oneley, Will. Faseman, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Eu*er*don, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Bramston, Joh. Bryd, peynt*er*, Rob. Lirpole, Will. Crudworthe, Will. Wymondeswold, Rad. Alot.

[John Braytoft and John Bristow elected bailiffs.]

"þe choosinge of þe firste 48 men."

¶ At wiche lete hit was ordenyd þ*at* the maio*ur* shall chose xl^{ti} viij p*er*sonez of the moost discreet co*min*ers, oute of eu*er*y warde a c*er*tayn, to here the accompte of þe cham*bur*lens from this tyme forward and iij yer before past.

The Forty-eight to witness grant under common seal.

¶ Allso hit is ordenyd þ*at* þ*er* schall no g*r*aunt be made vnd*ur* the Comyn Seale fro this tyme forward, but in the p*r*esens of xl^{ti}viij Comyners by the maio*ur* to be takyn in eu*er*y ward a c*er*ten.

"Election of Constables."

¶ Allso hit is ordenyd þ*at* the g*r*ett enquest at Michaellmes shall chose Constabuls to þe nomb*ur* of xx^{ti} iiij and no moo, and þ*at* they be sufficyent men and well gou*er*nyd and of good name.

"Bochers,"

Allso hit is ordenyd þ*at* not*with*standyng the ordyn-

[1] leaf 11, back. [2] leaf 12.
[3] All bracketed together. The Twenty-four proper begin with Wildgrise. [4] ? of S. Michael's parish.

aunce made afor this tyme þat Bochers of þis Cite shuld slee þer beestys without the wallys, and not within, and hit is graunted now at this lette þat for this yere the Bochers schall slee Beefys, veell and moton within thor own howsen, and Swyn at the comyn slaughter housz; and non to slee in the strett, vppon the peyn of forfatur; of þe beestes so slayn in the strett, to be reryd to the comen profett of this Cite. And that thei tye noo beestys at þer dorr up the same peyn. Allso þat they Carry a-way þer offall of ther beestys in-to the pitt vndur the Poody Crooft, up the peyn of iiij d. at euery defaut. And þat euery man kepe his durre clene fro bloode and oþer fylthis, vppon the payn of xij d.

and the slaughter of beasts.

Offal in the pit in Poddy-croft.

Allso hit is ordenyd þat þer schall noo beestys be pynnyd at the comen pynfold by the comien seriante, but chapmannys warre, and the fyne & profett þerof to be to the Chambur.

Pinning of beasts.

[[1]Names of collectors, four in each ward, of a half fifteenth, collected at the feast of S. Martin "in yeme," 1 Henry VI.]

Half fifteenth, Nov. 11, 1422.

(Names omitted.)

[From Gosford Ward £2 18*s.*; from Earl Street £2 16*s.* 10*d.*; from Jorden Well £2 11*s.*; from Much Park Street £2 10*s.*; Baylly and Hay Lane £1 15*s.*; Broad Gate £1 3*s.* 4*d.*; Smithford Street £2 0*s.*; Cross Cheaping £3 12*s.* 6*d.*; Spon £2 16*s.* 10*d.*; Bishop £2 16*s.* 6*d.*]

§ 8. HENRY PEYTO, MAYOR, 1423.

[[2]Election of a new mayor (etc.) before Joh. Esterton, mayor, Joh. Braytoft and Joh. Brystow, bailiffs, on Monday the Conversion of S. Paul, 1 Hen. VI.]

Election of Henry Peyto, Jan. 25, 1423.

Isti subscripti eligerunt (*sic*) Hen. Peytoo maiorem (etc.) Joh. Dilcok coronatorem, Will. Faseman & Joh. Braunston Camerarios, Joh. Michell & Joh. Euerdon Custodes (etc.) a festo Purificacionis B. Marie virginis[3] a. r. r. Henrici sexti (etc.) primo vsque idem festum ex tunc proximo sequens, & Will. Oxton communem clauigerulum pro eodem anno: videlicet:

The underwritten elect the officers

to serve from the Purification (Feb. 2) to the same feast next following, and Will. Oxton serge-ant-at-mace.

[1] leaf 10. [2] leaf 12, back.

[3] Although the election took place on S. Paul's day the mayoral year began at the Purification (Candlemas day).

Twenty-four electors.

Will. Belgraue, Will. Dilcok, Ad. Deyster, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Brystow, Rad. Garton, Joh. Parker, Egid. Allesley, Will. Crose, Ric. Joy, Joh. Golofer, Tho. Grene, Joh. Harborgh, Hen. Breux, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Franklen, Will. Bryde, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Warrant, Will. Frisbye, Joh. Montgomery, Joh. Pynchebek, Hugo Rogeley.

J. P.s, and keepers of the keys.

[Hen. Peyto, mayor, John Weston, recorder, Laur. Cook, Will. Belgraue, Ric. Southam and John Leeder, justices and wardens of the keys of the common chest.]

[Ordinances of the mayor & his council.]

The mayor's council of Forty-eight.

In the fest of Conuersion of seynt Pall the yer reynyng of kyng Herry the Sixt after the Conquest the fyrst, at þe election of Herry Peyto, maiour of the Cite of Couentre, hit was prouydyd by the same election, þat the seid maiour shuld call and tak to hym the same xx^ti^ iiij wurthy men þat wer of his election with othur xxiiij wyse men & discrett chosen to them & namyd by the seid maiour; and then þat the said meir and thes xl^ti^ viij whurthy men shuld orden & put in good rule all maner of good ordynnaunces þat ar profitable to the seid Cite of Couentre. Wich namys as well of tho þat wern of the election, as tho þat wern chosen by the meyre, heraftur folowen:

"xlviijti men."

Eleven ? of the election.

[1] Will. Belgraue, Laur. Cooke, Ric. Southam, Will. Dilcok, Adam Hyton, Joh. Leder, Joh. Esterton, Joh. ffranklen, Joh. Clerk, Will. Brydd, Ric. Sharp.

Isti subsequentes electi fuerunt per maiorem.[2]

The following 36 were elected by the mayor.

Tho. Wildgryse, Joh. Braytoft [following ten down to Hen. Breux inclusive as above], Joh. Wellford, Bened, Marchall, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Cooton, Will. Byfeld, Will. Faseman, Joh. Michell, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Runton, Ric. Acton, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Oneley, Joh. Bowȝer, Joh. Oneley, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Brown, draper, Joh. Stylle, Deyster, Rob. Lirpole, Will. Crudworthe, Joh. Walgraue, Joh. Deyster, woleman, Will. ffrysby, Hugo Rogeley.[2]

[1] leaf 13.

[2] Curious arrangement of 11 and 36. Not all the names in the company of the mayor's electors.

SURVEY OF THE COMMONS.

Disturbances about common lands.

[1]ffor-asmoche as dyssenc*i*ons, stirrynge*s* and moc*i*ons haue byn had a-fore tyme, and not long a-gone,[2] for c*er*ten co*m*en, the wich hath not byn conue*r*santly knowen as for comyn, In escewyng of perell þ*at* myght fall, the xvi^ten^ day of the moneth of February the yer of the reign of kyng Henry the sixte aftur the Conquest the first, The said maio*ur* and his councell thus haue ordenyd & p*ro*uyded that þ*er* schall of four p*ar*ties of the Cite of Couentr*e*, þ*at* is to say, of þe Est, West, Northe & southe, a c*er*ten of aunceant and wise men be chargid for to enquere of the Comyn of the said Cite, and what felldys owyn as of old tyme & of comyn ryght to be comyn; and than to bryng hit Inne to þe said maio*ur* in wrytyng, to þ*at* end þ*at* heraftur hit myght be regestred, & so the comyn openly knowen. Wheruppon tho þ*at* wer Chargid to enquer for the Est p*ar*te of the said Cyte, þ*at* is to say, from the hye way that is callyd Sewall Pauement, þe wiche ledyth from Couentr*e* to Leycestr*e*, vnto a no þ*er* hie waye, þ*at* ledythe from Couentr*e* vnto a town þ*at* is callyd Bynley, on the other syde, and to bring[3] hit in in wrytyng vnto þe said Maio*ur* on Monday next a-for the fest of saynt Gregory the Papa next aftur sweyng.

"4 juries of 48 men to set out the Comens," Feb. 1423.

Wise and ancient men to survey the commons,

their verdict to be registered.

The survey of the East part; "p*ur* le Est p*ar*tie." Between Sewall pavement and Binley highway.

Mar. 8.

At the same day Comyn vnto þe said maio*ur*, and say in the man*er* as heraftur folowen: And thies byn þe namys of thest syde:

Joh. Wellford, Bened. Marchall, Rad. Alot, Ric. Walker, Joh. Stretton, tailo*ur*, Joh. Stafford, wird*rawer*, Joh. Breton, Joh. Coton, Will. Deister, Joh. Abram. weue*r*, Rob. Defford, Rob. Rechford, Joh. Bryan. [4]Hamlette*s* þ*at* long to þe same side: Wykyn, Stooke, Bygyng.[4]

Jury.

Hamlets. Wyken, Stoke, Bigging.

The wiche John Wellford and his felows aboue-namyd at þe day to them lymyted Comyn & seyn, þ*at* þ*er* is a feld wich is callyd Byschops-hay, and hit lyeth in brode[5] fro Wallforlong on that one p*ar*tie vnto a hie way in

Verdict.

[1] leaf 13, back. v. Corp. MSS. E. 7, for probable original of this Survey. Insignificant variations between the two versions not noted. The language of E. 7 is, of the two, the more archaic.

[2] In 1421 gardens at Cheylesmore were destroyed by the commons. Dugd. (1730), l. 148.

[3] 'I' is here introduced in MS.

[4–4] Not in E. 7.

[5] brede E. 7, *et passim*.

Hasill-wood ledyng from Couentre to Leycestre, & in lenght from Cotes-wast vnto a hie-way in Hasill-wood ledyng from Couentre toward Nuneeton, and þat feld, þat is to say Byschoppeshay, thay sayn is comyn at the fest of Lammas.

[1]Allso thei say þat Billynges feld, þe wich lieth betwen le Long-Crofte & Swanneslane in brede, and lenght fro a noþer feld, þat is callyd Swannys-Croofte, vnto a feld of Ric. Bellours þat is callyd New-feld, and they seyn þat the same Billynges-feld is Comyn from the fest of saynt Michaell tharchaungell vnto þe fest of the Purificacion of our blessid Lady virgyn.

Michaelmas land.

Allso þei say þat the Prioures wast in Hasillwod, þe wich strechit in bred from Sewall-pament vnto Swannys-lane & in Lenght from the land of Ric. Bellours vnto þe brod ooke in Hasill-wod, hit is comyn as thei haue herd of oold tyme, but þei say, as in[2] that as for as þei may thynke, hit hathe byn othur whylis holden as Comyn, and oþer-whiles as seuerall. [3]As for þe said wast in Hasillwod, þat longeth to the priour, hit was made by a grett leett holden in the tyme of Will. Sawndurs then maiour[4] for such Evidence then shewyd þat hit shuld be seuerall all tymes of the yer to þe said priour of Coventre & his successours for euer.[3]

Allso they seyn that Ludlow-feld, wiche strechythe fro Danyell-grove vnto Gosford-grene in lenght, & in breide from Sow-lane to þe way þat gothe toward Bynley, is comyn att Lammas.

The south side from Whitley water to Hearsall.

And tho þat weren chargid for to enquer for the southe side, þat is to say, from the watur of Schirburn, þat rennyth to Whitley vnto Hethesale, com in and seyn in the maner as aftur folowithe: And thies byn ther namys:

Jury.

Joh. Clerk, Will. Bryd, Rob. Pynnok, Will. Faseman, Joh. Chetwyn, Tho. Daw, Joh. Euerdon, Tho. Harrys, Will. Swan, Nic. Byfeld, Joh. Frankelen, Will. ffrysby, Will. Brook, Joh. Runton, Tho. Wyrley, Hen. Brydd, Ad. Dyer, Joh. Benett, wyrdrawer, Ric. Bushbery, Will. Marchall, Rog. Cokkes, Tho. Sporyour, Joh. Archer,

[1] leaf 14. [2] in ther tyme and as fer as thei mow E. 7.
[3–3] An interpolation; v. Introduction. Not in E. 7.
[4] 1469, v. p. 47.

Sadeler, Joh. Janyns. [1]Hamelett*es* within the said side, Stycheall. Hamlets, Stivichall;

The names of the forens þat thei [tak] to them to tak Euydence—Baron sen. Joh. Clark de Sticheall, Ric. Huett.[1] foreigners to give evidence.

The wiche John Clerk and his felows seyn þat *per* is a Croofte w*ith*out the New-yate of John Clerke*s*, þat lyeth be-hynd the Gardens of the same John Clerke, & hit conteynyth iij lande*s* & d*imidium*, is Comyn at Lammas, and all tho feldys, Croft*es* and medows, þat lyne from the said Croft[2] and barn of John Michels vnto Whitley in lenght, and in brod fro the the hie way þat ledithe to London vnto þe wat*ur* of Schyrburn, þe wiche rennyth to Whytley, be comyn at Lammas, Except a Grove þat Tho. Wildgryse holdithe of the brethren and systren[3] of the T*r*inyte guylde of Couentre, & a Grove callyd Saynt Anne grove, & except allso a medow þat is callyd Alltogedir medow, þe wich Laur. Cook now holdithe, for þei ar[4] seue*r*all. Verdict.

[5] [6]At a g*r*ett lette holden in the tyme of Will. Sawndurs, then beyng maio*ur*, hit was g*r*auntyd þat the tenement, su*m*tyme in the holdyng of Hochyn Possell[7] w*ith* a quarrell lyyng *per*to w*ith*oute the New yate on the ryght hand, schal-be seue*r*all to þe p*r*iour of Couentre, and to his successors for eue*r* all tymes of the yer; w*ich* g*r*aunt is registred in the yer of the said Wyll*i*am Sawndurs meraltie.[6] 1469.

Allso þei say þat all the feldys, medows and Croftys[8] on the right side of the said wey, þat ledithe from Couentre toward London, þat is to say fro the tenement*es* quond*am* Thom*e* Libard, the wiche Hochyn Possell[7] [9]w*ith* a quarrell[9] modo tenet, vnto a wat*ur* Renny*ng* vnd*ur* Whitley in lenght,[10] and in brede, fro þe said hie way vnto a garden and quarrell, þat is callyd P*ar*adise, & so be the side of the Lytull-p*ar*ke & Michep*ar*ke vntill P*ar*k-myll-foord ar Comyn at Lammas. "Lamas grounds."

Allso thay say þat the feld, þat is Crabtre-feld, w*ith*

[1–1] Not in E. 7. [2] of John Clerk and the bern E. 7.
[3] bredern & sistern E. 7. [4] arn E. 7, *et passim.*
[5] leaf 14, back. [6–6] Interpolation, v. p. 46. Not in E. 7.
[7] Written without caps in MS. [8] -e3 is the usual plural, E. 7.
[9–9] omitted E. 7. [10] a lengethe E. 7.

oþer[1] iij Croftys annexid to þe same feld, and allso Pennyfeld, þe wich lyen by-twen þe hiȝe[2] way þat ledyth from Coventre to Stycheall & Somerlesow in breed, and in lenght from Chelsmore-grene vnto Miryefeld and Alsden-

Michaelmas land.

feld, ar comyn at the fest of Mychellmas vnto Candyllmass.

Allso þei say þat Somerlesow-feld with all þe Croofftys annext vnto þe same feld, wich lye from Somerlesow-lane vnto a feld callyd Parsonnys-feld of the Spanne[3] in breid, and in lenght fro a croft of Adam Huyȝtons vnto a lane þat ledyth fro Spanne vnto Hethsall, ar comyn.

Allso þei say þat Poody-Crofte, þe wich lieth from Crow-lane vnto a diche, þat is callyd the town diche in breid, and in lenght from the Gardens on Chelsmore-grene vnto the Spanne-broke, is comyn from the feest of Lammas vnto Candyllmass.

The survey of the west side, between Coundon-Lane and Hearsall. Jury.

And tho þat wer charged for to enquire of the west syde of the Cyte of Coventre, þat is to say fro Coundon-lane to Hethsall: Ric. Hikelyng, Joh. Tate, Will. Pewterer, Joh. Mowton, Joh. Bramston, Joh. Deister, Joh. Bowyer, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Brown, draper, Will. Pratte, Hugh

Hamlets.

Rogeley, Joh. Lesyngham. [4]Hamlettess within the said partie: Cowndull. Kersley, Whaburley.

Names of those chosen to give evidence.

Nomina electorum ad dandam evidenciam prefate inquisicionis:[4] Godefrid. Barbour, Joh. Pynchbek, Will. Keruer, Ric. Style, Will. Stone, Will. Colyns, Rob. Sewall, Hen.

Verdict.

Colyns.

"Lamas grounds."

[5]The wiche Ric. Hyckelyng & his felows aboue-namyd comyn in at hur day to hem lymyted and sayn, þat thes ffeldys vndurwryton owtȝ[6] to be comyn from Lammas vnto the Purificacion of our Lady from yer to yer[7]; þat is to say, ffrythefeld, Hamondfeld, with a medow at þe end of the same feld, Braysfeld with a medow at the end, Bannefeld, Bowyerscroft, Skinnerscroft, Hulfeld, wich Hullfeld strechith hym-selff vnto Aschaw, wich feldys aboue-namyd longen to the place of the Spoone, the wich Tho. Bedfford holdyth, and thies feeldys lyne on the north side fro the hyȝ way fro Couentre to Allyslay.

[1] oder E. 7. [2] hye E. 7.
[3] Originally the field of the parson of Spon chapel. A pencilled note in Sharp's hand-writing says "Spon Causeway."
[4—4] Not in E. 7. [5] leaf 15. [6] own E. 7. [7] ȝer E. 7.

And also they say þat John Ray of Couentre, theldur, in his tyme made couennaunt with the maiour and chamburleyns of the same Cyte þat[1] if he shuld haue the said feldys seuerall during his lyffe and his wyues, þat than aftur þer deceasse þe seyd feldys shuld remayn to þe vse and profuyt of the chambur of the said cyte foreuermore, for wyche graunte he and his wyffe wer[2] sufferd to hold þe said feldys as seuerall duryng þer lyues, but þe sayn þat anon aftur the said John Ray the couenaunt abouesayd brake,[3] and the feldys abouesayd sold to one Rob. Neuton off Couentre; wherfore the Cyte[4] seyng his disseite in-to þe seid feldys in tyme off comyn enterden, & for comyn occupyden,[5] as ryght was; and so þai seyn thay own to be comyn, as hit is abouesaid. Allsoo þei seyn þat[6] Goldy-crofte longyng to the house of the hospytall[7] of Saynt Johannys in Couentre, lyeng by a hiȝe way leedyng from the said Allysley way to Coundull, owth to be comyn at Lammas, as hit is aboue-sayd.

John Ray's deceit, and breaking of covenant concerning these fields;

he sells them to R. Newton.

The Commons enter and occupy the fields.

Allso they seyn that þe said hyȝe way þat leedyth from Allysley way to Coundull is stoppyd,[8] wher hit owȝte to be[9] open.

Highway stopt.

Allso they say þat on the west side of the said hyȝe way þat is stoppyd, thes Croftez and feldes þat folowen own to be comyn, as hit is abouesayd, þat is to say, Curweyns crofte of the tenure of the prior of Couentre, a Croft wich Joh. Pynchebeke holdyth of the Trinite ȝelde,[10] Cros-feld, and a felde I-called Lychefeldys-feld, the wich Rob. Lyrpole holdythe.

Certain fields should be common,

Allso þai seyn þat the Crofte, þat strechith hym-selffe vnto Blake Orchard & Marl-felde beȝond the seyd Blak-orchard, wiche Wylliam Stone holdythe of the prior & Covent of Coventre, own & ben comyn at þe fest of Lammas, as hit is aboue namyd.

Allso þei seyn that a hye way that is Called Blak-low,[11] the wich ledyth from Allesley-way vnto Hethsall is Comyn all tyme of the yere.

and a highway to Hethsall.

Allso þai sayn þat all the feldys of Joh. Parker, that

[1] ȝif E. 7. [2] wern E. 7. [3] breke E. 7.
[4] Comunalte E. 7. [5] -on E. 7. [6] Goldrich- E. 7.
[7] hospitalite E. 7. [8] E. 7 inserts "& enclosed."
[9] E. 7 inserts "ouert &." [10] yeld E. 7. [11] Blak-lane E. 7.

arn callyd Whaburley-feld*es*, þ*at* lyen on this halue Guphul-lane, ar and own to be comyn at Lammas, as hit is aboue-said, except the Hoomestall*es* & ij Croftez next Guphul-lane forseyd, w*ich* arn seu*er*all.

Other fields common at Lammas.

Allso þei seyn þ*at* on the northe-side be3ond Bedfordes-feld*es* aboue-said, thes feld*es* folowyng be comyn at Lammas, as hit is aboue-sayd, þ*at* is to say, a feld of w*ich* feld a p*ar*cell is[1] Joh. Clerk*es* of Couentre, and a-no þ*er* p*ar*cell longithe to ye Chauntry, I-callyd Percyes Chauntry, and a feld callyd Percies felde longyng to þe said chauntry, allso a feld callyd Shel-felde of the said chauntry and Dudmanneswell-felde.

Another way stopt.

Allso thei say þ*at* þ*er* is a way strechyng from Conndull wey thorought[2] þe Milhay vnto þe Spane Cross, wiche is stoppyd wrongfully, as hit comyth,[3] by heggyng*es* & p*ar*tyng*es* on eu*er*y-side.

[4]Allso þei seyn that on the o þ*er* p*ar*tie of the same way so stoppid, thez feld*es* vnd*ur*-wryton ar comyn from Lammas vnto the Pur*ificacion* of o*ur* Lady yerely, that is to say, Skorchers-feld, the Pere-tre-feld, and a feld of Wyll*iam* Wymeswold stretchyng hym-selff vnto a comyn hy3e-way, þ*at* is callyd the Deed-lane.

Allso Wyndmyl-feld, ii Croft*es* lyeng fro the said way, þ*at* is callyd the Deed-lane, vnto a moore of Wyll*iam* Wymswoold; allso a-no þ*er* Crofte of Margett Hall stretch-

Deed Lane should always be open.

yng hym-selffe to þe Spane-broke. Allso þei say þ*at* þe said way, þ*at* is callyd Deed-lane, þ*at* strechithe hym-selff fro the Span-brooke[5] toward the [6]Hill-Crosse, þe wiche ow*eth* to be opyn all tymys of the yer.

Allso þei sayen þ*at* þez feld*es* next aftur folowyng lyeng on the o þ*er* side of the said Deede-Lane, own to be comyn at Lammas vnto þe Puryf*icacion* etc., þ*at* is to say, a Croft þ*at* is callyd the Hull3arde[7] w*ith* certen gardens þ*er*in ordynyd, of wiche gardyns Ric. Southam[8] holdyth a

Land appropriated for gardens;

p*ar*cell, the heir*es* of John Poope[9] holdythe a p*ar*cell, and Wyll*iam* Attylbourgh3 holdyth þe iij^{d} p*ar*cell, and forasmoche as þe same p*ar*cels of gardens byn[10] honestly made,

[1] of John3 Clerk E. 7. [2] thorgh E. 7. [3] apereth E. 7.
[4] leaf 15, back. [5] brigge E. 7. [6] Hul- E. 7.
[7] -yerd E. 7. [8] The mayoral families have got a little slice.
[9] There is a "nota" in margin here. [10] costly & E. 7.

and lytull harme to the Cyte, þai besechyn the maiour & his counsaill þat þe said holders of the for-namyd parcels of gardens may haue them[1] seuerall all tymez of þe yer payng[2] a Certen to þe chambur yerly as thei may accorde. matter compromised on payment of rent.

And tho that weren chargid for to enquyre for the Northe parte of the Cite of Couentre, that is to say, from Leycestre-way to Coundon-lane comyn in and say in the maner as here-aftur folowith: & these byn ther namys.

Rob. Lirpoole, Joh. Peuterer, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Style, deyster, Rad. Chaundeler, Joh. Lichefeld, mercer, Joh. Allesley, Will. Crudworth, Will. Wymyswold, Joh. Mongomery, Will. Kersley, Will. Staunton. Survey of north side.

[3]Hamlettes within þe said partie: Radford, Ecclesall, Folkeshull.[3] Hamlets.

The wich Rob. Lyrpoole & his felows a-boue-namyd comyn in & sayn þat þer ar ij Croftez þe wich lye fro a barn of Wylliam Wymysswoold vnto a feld, þat is callyd [4]Crampy-feld in brede, & lenght fro Coundon-lane vnto Hulmyll-medow, & þei ij Croftys ar comyn at Lammas vnto þe fest of þe Purification. Allso þei sayen þat Crampy-feld, oþerwyse callyd Miryhull-groue, lyeng fro þe said ij Croftez vnto Batemannys-acre in lenght, and bred fro Coundul-lane vnto Hullmyl-medow, is Comyn at Lammas and so vnto Candilmas. Verdict. "Lamas grounds."

Allso Batesmannys-acre, þe wich lyethe bytwen[5] and Ashemore-feld in lenght, and brede fro Coundul-lane vnto þe Childern leys, þei sayn is comyn at Lammas vnto þe Purification of our Lady.

Allso þei sayn þat all Childern[6] leys arn comyn at Lammas etc. Other fields

Allso þei sayn that thay ij Croftez, wich ar callyd Pakes-Croftez lyeng bytwen Batemannys-acre & ij parockes lyeng[7] by Radford-way in lenght, and in brede fro Childern-lays vnto a feld of Wylliam Wymeswold, þe wich Rob. Weston now holdyth, ar comen at Lammas vnto þe Puryfication etc. common at Lammas.

[8]Allso thei sayn that a Croofte of Wylliam Wymonds-

[1] hem E. 7. [2] payeng E. 7. [3–3] Not in E. 7.
[4] Grampy- E. 7. [5] E. 7 inserts "Grampy-feld."
[6] Chiltern E. 7. [7] lyne E. 7. [8] leaf 16.

wod*es*, lyeng betwen the hy3-way þ*at* is callyd Radford-way & Pakes-croftez, is comyn at Lammas vnto the Pur*ificacion* of o*ur* Lady.

Allso þe say þ*at* Bell-orchard & Hullmyll-medow w*ith* all the feldys and Croftys lyeng bytwen Radford-wey and Crampy-feld in brede, and in lenght fro*m* ij Croftez & þe housez and gardyns longyng to Saynt Mary awtu*r*[1] in the T*r*inite churche, þe w*ich* ij Croftez, housez and Gardyns ar seue*r*all, vnto a lane ledyng fro*m* Batemannysacre, ar comyn at Lammas vnto þe Purif*icacion* of o*ur* Lady; except a house w*ith* gardyne sumtyme off John Askemare of Kenelworthe,[2] & a barn w*ith* a Gardyn of John Walg*r*aue, and a Crofte w*ith* a dufhous[3] of the tenure of þe prio*ur* & Couent of Couentre, þe w*ich* ar seue*r*all.

Two crofts, houses and gardens are several.

Allso thei sayen that a quarell þe w*ich* Edward Lichefeld holdithe, þe w*ich* liethe a this halfe[4] the church of Saynt Nich*olas*, is comyn at Lammas vnto þe fest of þe Pu*r*ificac*i*on of o*ur* Lady.

Allso thei sayen þ*at* fro*m* the house and Gardyne of Henry Preston, & also from the Crofte off Will*i*am Wymyswolde, w*ich* is seue*r*all, vnto a lane ledyng to Nuneetonway toward Seynt pyt-lane[5] in lenght, and in brede fro þe way þ*at* ledythe to þe churche of Saynt Nich*olas* to Nuneeton-way, all Croftez and feldys ar Comyn at Lammas vnto þe Pu*r*ificac*i*on of o*ur* Lady.

Crofts and fields common at Lammas.

Allso þei say þ*at* all Croftez and feldys þ*at* lyen fro the churche of Saynt Nich*olas* vnto Whitmore-hege in lenght, & in brede fro Seynt pit-lane & Sukers-Groue vnto Radford and Radford way, arn comyn at Lammas etc., except a Croofte of John Oneley, & a Croft callyd Radfordmyll-crofte, w*ich* ar seue*r*all.

Other crofts also common.

Allso þei sayn þ*at* the ij Croft*es* of the tenure of the prio*ur* of Couentre, þe w*ich* lyen betwen Stapull-crofte & Bushefeld-lane [6]in lenght,[6] ar comyn at Lammas vnto þe Pu*r*ificac*i*on of our Lady.

Allso þei sayn þ*at* þer ar o*þ*er ij Croft*es*, þ*at* ar callyd Sugmore Croft*es*, lyeng betwen Stapullfeld and Whitmorfeld in brede, & in lenght fro Saynt-putlane vnto a hie

[1] v. Corp. MS. C. 158. [2] Kyllyngworth E. 7. [3] dove-house.
[4] halue E. 7. [5] Sandy-pit lane. [6–6] Not in E. 7.

way, þat is callyd Eton way; and þei ar comyn at Lammas vnto þe Purificacion of our Lady.

Allso þer is a-noþer Crofte, þat is callyd Sweyns-crofte, & a Crofte of the priours of Couentre, wich John Bryghtmer now holdyth, þe wich lyeth bytwen a Crofte of the said priours þat Rob. Lirpole holdythe, & a Crofte of the master of the hospital of Saynt Johannys vnto Botgrene in brede, & in lenght from the way ledyng to Eton vnto a lane wich strechithe to Pykedpere-crose, ar comyn at Lammas, ut supra. More crofts common at Lammas.

Allso thei sayen þat all the feldys & Croftez lyeng fro Pennymore vnto a hie way ledyng to Ouenettesford in lenght, and in brede fro the hye way, þat is callyd Eton way vnto a watur rennyng fro Ouenettesford to Swanneswell, ar comyn at the feest of Lammas vnto þe Purificacion of our Lady.

Allso thei sayn þat þer is a Crofte in Hasillwode lyeng in lenght by Eton way, & in brede fro þe said way vnto þe lond of þe brethren & sistern of Saynt Johannys, and þat Croft is comyn at Lammas vnto þe Purificacion of our Lady.[1]

[2]*Memorandum*, that þe Thursday þe xx day of January the vj yer of kyng Henry þe vii^th^, the verdit of Tho. Plant, Rob. Smyth, walker, Ric. Norys, Will. Fisher, Coruiser, Will. Goodlade, Wyll. Paynell, Will. Bamboro, Tho. Fleshehewer, Joh. Solsell, Will. Pootell, Ric. Sampson, Will. Wigston, tyler, Tho. Bredon, baker, and Tho. Oures, baker:—The wich xij personnys say apon þer hoolydome the day & yere a-foresaid afore Ric. Lee, maiour of the Cite of Couentre, Sir Rob. Oneley, knyght, master of the Trinite gilde, Joh. Gawge, Ric. Braytofte, Hen. Kebull, Ric. Cook and Tho. Bayly: That þe Hillmyllfeld, þat the wyndmyll standyth in, wherof the fondacion is of stoone, wich Nich. Randull late held, lyeth in bred betwene Bryghtmere feld on the one partie, and ij Croftez, gardyns, and howsez of our lady awtur of the Trinite church of the oþer partie, and in lenght from the hize way þat ledyth fro Couentre to Radford vnto Hillmyll [3]medow, as in the quadri- "Ciuitas Couentre." Jan. 20, 1491. A jury of 12 swear before the mayor that Hill-mill field

[1] End of E. 7. [2] Interpolation; v. p. 46, 47. [3] leaf 16, back.

is common,

and declared open to commonalty.

*par*tite more playnly it appearith, is & hath byn comyn fro*m* Lammas to Candilmass of tyme *þat* noo mannys mynd is; The wich verdite so herd by the said maio*ur* and his brethern, the day and yer abouesaid, [they] will *þat* the comens Occupie the said feld as ther comens fro*m* Lammas to Candyllmas as of oold tyme it hathe byn used, Except *þat* heraft*ur* bettur euydens can be shewid to the contrary.[1]

EASTER LEET.

"Couentre." Ap. 13, 1423.

¶ [V. f. p. on Monday after the close of Easter 1 Hen. VI. before Hen. Peytoo, mayor, Joh. Braytofte and Joh. Brystowe, bailiffs.]

Jurors.

Laur. Cooke, Will. Belg*raue*, Ric. Southam, Will. Dilcoke, Ad. Deister, Joh. Esterton, Tho. Wildgrise, Rad. Garton, Will. Crosse, Joh. P*ar*ker, drap*er*, Tho. Grene, Tho. Groue, Joh. Golofre, Hen. Breux, Joh. Harborough, sen., Tho. Paynell, Joh. Coton, Ric. Oneley, Will. Faseman, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Mychell, m*er*c*er*, Joh. Eue*r*don.

The town ditch to be kept free from dung; no cattle to pasture by the banks, nor bridge to be made across it under a 20*s.* fine. Other rules appear in the files.

Ad qua*m* let*am* ord*inatum* fuit q*uo*d le towne diche p*er* totam villa*m* civitat*is* Couen*trie* sit bene custod*itus* & mu*n*de (*sic*), & vbi aliquod fimu*m* in illo p*ro*stratu*r* (*sic*) q*uo*d cito emendatu*r* (*sic*). Et q*uo*d null*us* hab*e*at aliq*uo*d an*i*m*a*l pastur*ans* p*er* littor*a* ffossat*i* p*re*dict*i*, nec aliqualem pont*em* vltra fossat*um* p*re*dict*um*, s*ub* pe*n*a xx s.; & al*ie* ordinac*iones* tu*n*c ib*id*e*m* ordinate fuer*unt*, p*ro*ut p*atet* in filaciis ips*ius* vis*us*.

OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS AND ORDERS OF COUNCIL.

May 4, 1423. "Compot*us* Camar*eri*-or*um*."

[Hen. Breux and Joh. Coton, render their accounts for the time they were chamberlains before Hen. Peyto, mayor, and the other Forty-Eight honest and lawful men chosen by the mayor to hear accounts.]

[Upon this account the amount of the charge (regular receipts) amounted to £99 16*s.* 1*d.*]

Sup*er* q*uo*quidem compot*o* su*m*ma one*ris* p*re*dict*orum* came*r*ariorum extens*a* fuit ad $\overset{xx}{iiij}$ xix li. xvj s. j d. su*m*ma sup*er* eor*um* diso*n*er*acion*is (*sic*) extendit se, ut p*atet* p*er* libros

[The sum of the discharge

[1] End of interpolation.

(regular expenses) to £95 17*s.* 3*d.*]

[Balance (le rest) £3, which the chamberlains are charged to pay up

within 8 days of presenting the account on May 4.]

Balance received (except

4*d.* for the clerk's pay) in distress & in money as appears

in the indenture.

[[3]July 1, 1423.

the mayor and council ordain that all arrears in late mayors'

hands, with the chamberlains'

distrained goods, be placed with the mayor to make a new

cross, and clean the ditches.]

["Ind*entur*e of common"

to be placed in four parts of

the city.]

eorum disone*racio*nis, ad iiij^{xx} xv li. xvij s iij d., & summa que (*sic*) dict*i* came*r*arii one*rantur*, q*ue* vocat*ur* le rest, extendit se ad iij li.[1] quas quid*em* iij li. p*redict*i came*r*arii one*rantur* ad inducend*um* p*refato* maiore infr*a* octo dies p*ost* compot*um* eor*um* came*r*ariorum,[2] v*idelicet* post iiij die*m* mens*is* Maii.

Quas quid*em* iij li. p*redict*us Hen. Peytoo, maior, recep*it* de p*redict*is came*r*ariis, except*is* iiij^{or} solid*is*, qui eis allocant*ur* p*ro* stipendio Cl*er*ici eor*um*, videl*icet* in pecun*ia* & distr*iccione*, p*rout* pleni*us* apparet p*er* indentur*am* inter p*redict*um maiorem et p*refatos* came*r*arios fact*am* & instruct*am*.

Mem. q*uo*d die Jouis p*roximo* post festum Petri & Pauli a. r. r. H*enrici* VI^{ti} (etc.) primo, ordinat*um* est p*er* maiore*m* & consiliu*m* suu*m*, quod omnia arreragia in manu Joh*ann*is Leder et Joh*ann*is Esterton existenc*ia*, si que fu*erint*, simul cu*m* distr*iccionibus* in manub*us* (*sic*) Came*r*ariorum, uel p*reciu*m eorund*em*, erunt leuat*a* & *in* possessione maior*is*, v*idelicet* Henrici Peytoo, posita ad faciend*am* vnam nouam crucem in vico Cruc*is*, & similit*er* ad mundand*a* fossata Civ*itatis* Coue*ntrie*.

Item, eodem die ordinat*um* fuit q*uo*d indent*ure* p*ro* Comm*unia* ciuitat*is* Coue*ntrie* facte et ordinate erunt posite in iiij p*ar*tes ciuitat*is* p*redicte*, v*idelicet*, vna indentura in vna p*ar*te, et alia in *secun*da, & s*ic* ter*cia*, et quart*a* etc.

[1] 18*s.* 10*d.* are ignored. [2] Word seems to be omitted here. [3] leaf 17.

[Late mayor's charges.]

[J. Leeder charged with £16 of money of defective weight worth £12 12*s.* 4*d.* and from Joh. Golofre with £15 15*s.* 2*d.* worth £11 15*s.* 4*d.*]

[From R. Joy £1 13*s.* 8*d.* worth £1 9*s.* 7½*d.*]

[Received of distraint £3 16*s.* 2*d.*]

[From J. Golofre £10 worth £8 8*s.*]

[Sum of receipts £38 1*s.* 4*d.*, whence he asks allowance for the following.]

[lead £8 3*s.* 2*d.*]

[solder 4*s.* 2*d.*]

[timber, etc. £3.]

[boards & lathes 6*s.* 8*d.*]

[hooks, etc. 1*s.* 4*d.*]

[to plumber £1 5*s.*]

[J. Leeder pays £5 of arrears from his chamberlaincy.]

[Simon Mason's reward £2.]

[For an earthwork, etc. 5*s.* 3*d.*]

Mem. quod Joh. Leeder oneratur de istis, que sequuntur, receptis de Johanne Golofre & Ricardo Joy. In primis xvj li. de pecunia minus (*sic*) ponderis, que valet xij li. xij s. iiij d. Item de Johanne Golofre et Johanne Bowȝer xv li. xv s. ij d. de pecunia minus ponderis, que valet xj li. xv s. iiij d. Item recepit de Ricardo Joy xxxiij s. viij d. de pecunia (etc.) que valet xxix s. vij d. ob. Item, Recepit de districcione iij li. xvj s. ij d. Item recepit de Johanne Golofre x li. de pecunia (etc.) que valet viij li. viij s. Summa Receptionis xxxviij li. xvj d.[1] vnde petit allocari de parcellis sequentibus :—

[2][Henry Peyto receives from John Leeder an account for a tower newly made without the New Gate.]

In primis pro plumbo viij li. iij s. ij d.

Item pur sowdur iiij s. ij d.

Item a Derby wright pur tymbur & workmanshyp iij li.

Item pur bordes & lathis vj s. viij d.

Item pur hookes, hynges & j loke xvj d.

Item pro labore vnius plumer xxv s.

Item predictus Joh. Leeder soluit Johanni Esterton v li. de vna parcella a retro existente de tempore quo fuit Camerarius.

Item soluit Simoni Mason pur vne reward xl s.

Item, pur Erthwark[3] & Whytyng v s. iij d.

[1] Really £38 1*s.* 5½*d.* [2] leaf 17, back.
[3] Earliest example in *N. E. D.* dated 1633.

[For this register 7*s.*]

[For a sum which he gave to the poor, when he collected £200 for the king & queen, viz. £2 18*s.* 3*d.*

[17 Aug. the mayor receives arrears £6 2*s.* 6*d.* of sufficient weight;
and £10 worth £8 5*s.*]

Item, isto libro, vocato le Registre, vij s.

Item petit allocari pro certa pecunia, Summa quam dedit pauperibus quando collegit CC li. Regi et Regine, videlicet lviij s. iij d.

[Mem. Henry Peytoo received from John Leeder £6 2*s.* 6*d.* "de poise;"
and on the same day from the same, £10 "de pecunia minus ponderis ad valorem" £8 5*s.*]

Sep. 23. Ordinances of the Forty-eight. "xlviij." "A Cross set vp in Cros-cheapping."

[1][On the Thursday after S. Matthew's day[2] Henry Peyto "made a halle of tho xl^ti^viii personys and wurthy men a-boue[3] namyd," when it was ordered that a cross should be built in Cross Cheaping.]

Allso hit was ordenyd & grauntyd that tho wurthy men þat Rydon with the maiour to London at Mich[aelmas] þe yer abouesaid be commaundment of the duke of Gloucestre, leue-tenaunt of Inglond, euery man schuld ber his own cost; and as touchyng thes othur personys, the wich ridon to London the same tyme, þat is to say of euery Craft a certen, hit is allso grauntyd & ordenyd by the same xl^ti^viij wise & wurthy men, þat euery crafte schall bere the cost as for her men þat rydon to London the same tyme.

Cost of riding to London to be borne by crafts.

[The former chamberlains, Hen. Breux and John Coton, John Braytoft and John Brystow, ordered to make their accounts, the former couple within the month of April next "at the vtterest," and the latter within eight days after the next S. John Baptist's day.]

Chamberlains' accounts.

[4]Allso be hit had in mynd þat at the same tyme thies xlviij aboue-namyd pardonyd Symon Mason of iiij perchis of the towne wall without the New-yate, wiche he shuld haue made, by couenaunt afore tyme by-twene the Chamburlens of the said Cite and hym compoosid and fully made.

Simon Mason's perches of wall.

[1] leaf 13.
[2] Probable error for S. Matthias, Feb. 23. St. Matthew's, Sept. 21, 1423, would not fall within the first regnal year of Henry VI. [3] p. 44. [4] leaf 13, back.

The gates of the city to be furnished with leaves and doors.

Allso hit is ordenyd that the Chamb*u*rlens schall make the Hill-streit yate new, & allso all the yat*es* of the said Cite, þat be not leuyd ne dorryd, þat they schall leue hem als sone as thei mow.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

"Couentre." Oct. 6, 1423.

Jury.

[1][V. f. p. Wednesday after Michaelmas day, 2 Henry VI], Laur. Cooke, Will. Belg*r*aue, Will. Dilcoke, Ric. Southam, Ad. Hiton, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Esterton, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Herdborgh, Tho. Grene, Ric. Joy, Will. Crose, Joh. P*a*rker, Joh. Golofre, Hen. Breux, Rob. Mil-b*u*rne, Will. Byfeld, Will. Faseman, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Mychell, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Clarke, Joh. Warrant.

[These elect Ric. Onley and Joh. Bowyer, bailiffs.]

Bulls and baiting.

[2]Allso thai orden þat no bocher of the Cite of Couentre sle no booll but ȝif he be baityd a-fore at a place consuet,[3] a-pon the payn of vj s. viij d., and allso of forfayture [of] the same booll at eu*e*ry trespase.

No swine in the city.

Allso þat no o*þ*er man or bocher kep w*it*h*i*n the wallys of this Cite noo swyne in sties, ne bulkes,[4] ne w*it*h*i*n þ*er* housez in þe Bochery, vpon þe payn of iij s. iiij d., and allso of forfait*u*r of the same swyne so I-founden.

Fines to be collected for trespasses.

Allso þat þe maio*u*r and the baileffez shall enserche the bochery, and all o*þ*er Craftez of c*er*ten defaut*is* þat they haue t*re*spassid in against ordyna*u*ncez of leet*is* a-fore this tyme; & þat the paynez may be reryd, þ*er* as defaute is, aftur the ordyna*u*nce of the said lett*is*, and allso of ther own gra*u*nte.

Wardens to take distress.

Allso þat the maio*u*r & þe bayliffez wit*h* þ*er* officers schall strenght the wardens of this Cyte to take distress for the rent of the town, þat is to say of Wyll*i*am Keresley & all o*þ*er, ryghtȝ as þe Law wyll.

Constables to take no money for arrests.

Allso it is ordenyd þat noo Constable w*it*h*i*n the Cite take no syluer for no rest þei make by way off þ*er* office, o*þ*erwais þen þe Law wyll.

"Paving streets."

Allso þat eu*e*ry man repaire his pament afore his tene-*mentes* bytwyxt this and the next leet, eu*e*ry man a-pon

[1] leaf 17, back. [2] leaf 18. [3] accustomed. [4] v. Gloss.

the payn of iij s. iiij d., halfe to þe vse of the balyffes, & half to þe chambur, & þat by þe comen sergeant.

"Clensing Reddich."

Allso þai orden þat the Reddyche be clansyd, & all þe pryves & swynesties þeron be done away.

Ric. Wait's pension.

Allso þei orden that Ric. Waite for his good seruice he hathe doone to þe Cite of Coventre, and for his long contynuanse in the same, shall haue of the Trinite gylde whill he lyuythe xiij s. iiij d., of Corpus *Christi* yeld vj s. viij d., & of the wardens of the said Cite xx s.

Minstrels.

[1]Allso thei haue retained Mathew Ellerton, Thomas Sendell, William Howton & John Trumpere, Mynstrells as for the Cite of Couentre; and þat þei haue as oþer haue had a-fore them. Allso þat thai haue of euery hall place j d., of euery Cottage ob., euery quarter; & aftur þer beryng bettur to be rewardyd. And also þai orden þat thei shall haue ij men of euery ward euery quarter to help them to gathur þer Quarterage.

1*d.* from every hall-place, and ½*d.* from every cottage each quarter; 2 men to collect these fees.

Allso thai sayen þat Symon Mason shall haue xl s. in rewarde of þe chambur to his costis.

Simon Mason's reward.

Allso þat all men of Contrey, that com to town to sell Otys, þat thei stond with them be-nethe þe peesen, þat is to say at þe West-orchard end.

"Pease market; ote markett." Sellers of oats at West Orchard.

Allso þat John Cambirge be alowed for his costis þat he made agaynst the comyng of kyng Henre the Fifte, þat is to say xiij s. iiij d. ob.; and þat be þe chamburlens.

Reward for preparation for Henry V's coming.

Allso þat Mold Lichefeld pay to þe murage of this cite aftur þe lond þat she holdithe, & no oþer wyse.

Mauld Lichefeld's murage.

Allso þat John Sheynton haue a yerez rent to alowanse of his Costys þat he hathe made.

Sheynton's costs.

Allso þat þer be a Cookestowle made apon Chelsmoregrene to punysche skolders and chidders as þe law wyll.

"Cookstool" for scolds.

Allso þei orden þat John Moweton, Clerke, be examynyd by the maiour whethur he be Notary impereall, or he be not; and if so be he be a Notary sworen & admyttyd, & may nott refuse[2] hit, þat then the sayd John Mowton be put a-wey from the court of Couentre, þat is to say, the mairez court & bayliffes.

Notary imperial.

[1] v. Sharp, *Cov. Mysteries*, 207 *sqq.* [2] refuse = deny.

TOWN BUSINESS.

Oct. 17, 1423. A hall of 69 men summoned by mayor.

[On the vigil of S. Luke Ev. 2 Hen. VI, Hen. Peyto made a hall (fecit aulam) of the following :]

Gosford [Street]. Laur. Cooke,[1] Will. Crose,[1] Joh. Welford, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Goloffre,[1] Rad. Alott, Bened. Marchall.

Jurden [Well]. Thos. Wildgryse,[2] Joh. Stretton, Will. Deister, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Dilkok, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Cotton.[1]

Muchparke [Street]. Joh. Harbourgh, sen., Joh. Prentes, Will. Byrde, Joh. Esterton,[1] Joh. Clarke, Joh. Ray, Joh. Braytofte,[1] Will. Faseman,[1] Rob. Danyell, Will. Byfeld.

[3]Erlestreet. Ric. Sharp,[1] Joh. Warrant,[1] Tho. Wirley, Ad. Swette, Nich. Byfeld, Joh. Launde, Joh. Frankelen.

Lytull [Park Street]. Ric. Southam, Rad. Garton,[4] Joh. Mychell,[4] Joh. Euerdon, Gal. Willnale, Will. Tolas.

Byschop [Street]. Joh. Lychefeld, Ric. Southam,[1] Will. Wymyswold.

Baill[y Lane]. Will. Brooke, Joh. Ronton,[1] Ad. Dyer,[1] Joh. Benett,[1] Joh. Spencer, sadeler, Hen. Bryde.[1]

Frer[e Lane]. Ric. Bushebury,[1] Egid. Allesley, Ric. Oneley,[1] Rob. Praty.

Smythf[ord Street]. Joh. Tate, Ric. Hicklyng, Joh. Brystow,[1] Joh. Wymondswold, Joh. Bowyer,[1] Joh. Blakman, Joh. Braunston,[1] Joh. Egeston.

Span [Street]. Tho. Paynell,[1] Joh. Brown.

Crosche[ping]. Rob. Milburne,[1] Ric. Botoner, Hen. Breux,[1] Ad. Hyton, Joh. Parker, draper,[1] Will. Dilkoke,[1] Ric. Joye,[5] Tho. Grene.

[Adam Hiton and John Leeder journey to London to negotiate about the royal debts.]

Qui ordinauerunt quod Adam Hiton & Johannes Leeder irent London' ad prosequendum pro certis debitis que debentur per dominum Regem Henricum quartum et dominum H[enricum] quintum, nuper Reges Anglie, videlicet, tempore Willelmi Whitchurche domino H[enrico] quarto (*sic*) CCC li., vnde remanent Clxiij li.

[Henry IV owed £163;

[1] In list, p. 62–3. [2] In Gosford, p. 62–3. [3] leaf 18, back.
[4] Earl Street, p. 62–3. [5] Bishop Street, p. 62–3.

non solute per talliam: & tempore Johannis Goote, tunc maioris, domino H[enrico] V^to^ CCli. per obligacionem: & tempore Johannis Horneby, tunc maioris, domino H[enrico] V^to^ C li.: & tempore Laurencii Cooke (etc.) domino H[enrico] V^to^ CC marce.[1]

Henry V £200; and £100 and 200 marks.]

[John and Adam to obtain a licence to acquire in mortmain a tenement in Earl Street;

Item, ordinauerunt quod predictus Joh. Leeder et Adam prosequi debent pro le mortesment vnius tenementi nuper Willelmi Whitchurch, iacentis in le Erlestrett de Couentria meliore modo quo sciunt aut poterint (*sic*).

they are also to communicate with Sir R. Babthorp[2] and with the prior for buying the reversion of Wymondswold's houses and land to the use of the Chamber, if they consider it would be profitable.]

Item, ordinauerunt quod predicti Johannes et Adam communicare debent cum Roberto Bapthorp,[2] milite, et cum Ricardo Crosby, priore (etc.) ad emendam reuersionem terrarum et tenementorum Willelmi Wymondswold ad vsum Camere ciuitatis (etc.), si eis videtur expedire, & quod sit [ad] proficuum predicte ciuitatis.

[And the 69 persons put these matters entirely in their hands,

& qui lxix persone supranominati submiserunt omnia supradicta ad ? manus & disposicionem predictorum Johannis Leder & Adam (*sic*) Hiton, ut ipsi ordinant (*sic*) et disponent secundum eorum discressionem etc. ad proficuum ciuitatis predicte.

and John and Adam get 10 marks for their costs.]

Item, deliberatum est prefatis Johanni et Adam per manus Henrici Peytoo, maioris, ad eorum costagia decem marcas.

[3]Oct. 17, 1423.]

[3]Mem. quod in vigilia S. Luce, Euaungeliste a. r. r. (etc.) secundo, ordinatum fuit per aulam antedictam:[4]

[1] These debts were contracted in the years 1399, 1411 or 1420, 1412 and 1415 respectively.

[2] Steward of the Duchy of Lancaster. For Crosby, Prior of S. Mary's, v. *supra*, p. 35. [3] leaf 19. [4] v. p. 60.

[Ordained by the aforesaid hall that G. Allesley go to London to save the citizens of Coventry from paying £382, which the sheriff would have levied because the bailiffs, though they paid the fee farm each year, have not got their receipt (quietus est).]

[Allesley has his costs from the following persons:

total £8 3*s.* 4*d.*]

[[2]Nov. 2. A hall of certain from each ward to inquire whether the people will consent to receive jewels now to the worth of half the debts owed by Henry IV and Henry V.]

Quod Egid. Allesley iret Londonias ad saluandum homines Couentrie indempnes de CCClxxxij li. quas vicecomes Warrewici habuit in precepto ad leuandum de hominibus ville de Couentria, pro eo quod per longum tempus elapsum balliui ciuitatis predicte non habuerunt quietus est,[1] prout etc.; & non obstante quod quolibet anno ipsi soluerunt feodi firmam (etc.); & predictus Egid. Allesley habuit pro costagiis suis forma que sequitur, videlicet:—

[Will. Crosse, Joh. Goloffre, Joh. Braytoft, Hen. Peito, Joh. Esterton, Joh. Leder, Joh. Brystowe, Ric. Oneley, Joh. Bowyer, Rob. Milburne, Hen. Breux, Tho. Wildgrise, Giles Allesley, Joh. Hardborghe, Ric. Joye, contribute 10*s.* each, and Rad. Garton, Tho. Grene, 6*s.* 8*d.* each. Total £8 3*s.* 4*d.*]

[2]Mem. quod secundo die Novembris a. r. r. (etc.) secundo, Henricus Peitoo, maiour, fecit aulam, ad quam aulam ordinatum fuit quod certe persone cuiuslibet warde adquiri (*sic*) deberent inter se vtrum ipsi vellent consentire et consedere (*sic*)[3] ad accipienda debita que debentur eis per dominum H. quartum & dominum H. V^tum^, nuper Reges Anglie, in jocalibus nunc ad valorem dimidietatis debitorum predictorum; & super hoc ipsi adquisitores warde de Gosford veniunt & dicunt ut sequitur:

[The wards represented are Gosford Street, Much Park Street, Mill Lane and Jorden Well,[4] Bailly Lane, Earl Street, Broadgate and Friar Lane, Smithford and Spon

[1] MS. quiestus. [2] leaf 18, back. [3] condescendere. [4] Joh. Rochford not in p. 60.

Streets,[1] Cross Cheaping, Bishop and Well[2] Streets. The representatives number 33, from two to four of the principal men from each ward; and each set announces that all those who bore their share of the loan are willing to abide by the decision of John Leder and Adam Hyton.]

[[3]Nov. 5, 1423.

[A licence of mortmain and other muniments sent to John and Adam in a sealed box with £10 sterling.]

Item, alio tempore missus fuit eisdem Johanni et Adam, videlicet v^to^ die mensis Novembris anno secundo Regis nunc, per Johannem Prentes de Couentre, mercer, le licens dell mortisment de camera ciuitatis Couentre cum vna alia Carta, & aliis certis munimentis eidem pertinentibus, in vno Cofano (*sic*) sigillato, & decem libris sterlingorum.

[They have the Duke of Bedford's bond for £200.]

Item, predicti Joh. Leder et Adam habuerunt vnam obligacionem in qua Johannes dux Bedfordie tenetur et obligatur in CC li.

[[4]Jan. 14, 1424.

[The mayor and others place in a chest in the tower in S. Mary's Hall, of which chest the mayor and gild master have a key each,

a sealed box containing the Duke of Bedford's bond in £200, and another bond in £289 of the prior,

which is owed for two jewels; of which a tally of equal weight remains in the box;

Mem. quod xiiij° die Januarii a.r.r. (etc.) secundo Hen. Peitoo, maior, Joh. Leeder, mayster gilde S. Trinitatis etc., & Laur. Cooke posuerunt & ibidem dimiserunt in vnam Cistam in turre [aule] B. Marie existentem, cuius Ciste maiour habet vnam clauem, & magister Gilde predicte aliam, videlicet vnum box sigillatum, in quo vna obligacio in qua Johannes dux Bedfordie tenetur in ducentis libris; et aliam obligacionem in qua prior et [5]Conuentus ecclesie cathedralis B. Marie de Couentria tenetur in CCxxiiij ixli., quas prefatus prior debet pro ij^obus^ Jocalibus, cuius Jocale le Countre-poise[6] remanet in prefata pixide. Item, vnam acquientanciam xli. pro

[1] Smithford and Spon Streets classed together. Will. Kerver, Hugo Rugeley not in p. 60. [2] Joh. Walgrave not in p. 60.
[3] leaf 18, back. [4] leaf 19. [5] leaf 19, back. [6] v. Gloss.

also a receipt for a £10 annuity owed by the mayor and community; also a covered silver gilt cup worth £10;

and a tally of Henry IV for £163.

vna annuitate *prefatis priori* & conuentui *per* maiorem & *communi*tatem debita, videlicet *pro* tempore *Henrici* Peito, maioris. Item, dimiserunt in Cistam *predictam* vnum Cowp de argento, Couered & deauratum, ad valenciam x li. Item, dimiserunt et ibidem posuerunt, videlicet in Cistam *predictam*, vnam talliam domini Henrici, nuper Regis Anglie quarti (etc.) de Clxiij li.

[The mayor and others give to the prior a bond in £289, and receive two jewels, which they place in the common chest, where they remain to be kept.

Mem. quod in vigilia S. Osburge,[1] virginis, anno predicto, predictus Hen. Peytoo, maior, Joh. Leder, Laur. Cooke & Ric. Southam et alii deliberauerunt obligacionem predictam in qua prior et conuentus ecclesie cathedralis beate Marie de Couentria tenentur in CCiiijix^xx li. prefatis priori et conuentui etc.; & iidem Henricus, Johannes & Ricardus receperunt duo Jocalia predicta etc. & imposuerunt in Cistam predictam, & ibidem remanent ad Custodiendum.

[See concerning this same matter in T. Wildgrise's time.]

Vide de eadem materia tempore Thome Wildgrise maioris ij° folio.[2]

[[3]Jan. 17, 1424, 10 marks from the late mayor.

[Henry Peytoo received from John Esterton ten marks of a certain sum remaining in his hands from the time of his mayoralty.]

[Late chamberlains give for complete settlement in distraint and money by tale £6 2*s*.

Mem. quod Hen. Peitoo recepit de Johanne Golofre, Roberto Milburn & Johanne Bowyer de tempore quo fuerunt camerarii (etc.) pro plena solucione eorum in districcionibus et pecuniis numeratis vj li. ij s.; & eodem tempore ex assensu et consensu H.

[1] Date unknown. It was determined on Oct. 13, 1410, that the saint's birthday should be celebrated through the archidiaconate. v. Dugdale, 110.
[2] In margin, v. p. 69, 70. [3] leaf 17, back.

[With assent of the "discreets," a great pan given to J. Golofre for being chamberlain for two years in his turn.

Peitoo, tunc maioris, Johannes (*sic*) Leeder, & aliorum virorum discretorum ibidem interessentium, data & deliberata fuit Johanni Golofre vna patella magna in remuneracione quod fuit camerarius per duos annos ad invicem.

[The mayor receives £2 16*s.* from former chamberlains;

Item, Hen. Peitoo recepit de Henrico Breux & Johanne Coton de tempore quo fuerint (*sic*) camerarii etc. in pecuniis numeratis & in districcionibus lvj s. pro plena solucione eorum.

and £5 4*s.* 10*d.* from J. Leeder, which the wardens received.

Item, Hen. Peito recepit de Johanne Leeder v li. iiij s. x d. de tempore quo fuit maior & in manu sua vsque ad tunc existencia, & prius per custodes (etc.) receptos etc. prout etc.

[See elsewhere.

Vide de istis receptis & aliis in tercio folio ab isto folio in principio.[1]

[[2]Jan. 18, ? 1424.

Mem. quod xviij° die mensis Januarii a. r. r. (etc.) primo[3] [?secundo] Joh. Braytoft et Joh. Bristowe[4] computauerunt coram Henrico Peytoo, maiore (etc.) & xlviij hominibus etc. de tempore quo fuerunt camerarii (etc.) videlicet:—

[J. Braytoft and J. Bristowe, late chamberlains' account before the mayor and the 48;

they are charged for murage with £84 3*s.* 2*d.*, for goods valued at £15 16*s.* 1*d.* Total £99 19*s.* 3*d.*

[5]In primis onerantur pur le murage ciuitatis predicte $\overset{xx}{\text{iiij}}$ iiij li. iij s. ij d. Item pur Catell' extensis xv li. xv j s. j d. Summa totalis $\overset{xx}{\text{iiij}}$xix li. xix s. iij d.

[Discharge, or expenses as appear by items in the mayor's bag, and the chamberlains' books £99 2*s.* 11½*d.*

Summa disoneracionis predicte camere eodem anno, ut patet per parcellas in baga Henrici Peytoo, tunc maioris existentis, & per libros dictorum cam-

[1] In margin, v. 66–7. [2] leaf 16, back.
[3] Or else an error for February. Henry Peytoo was not yet mayor on Jan. 18 of the first regnal year of Henry VI (1423), as his mayoral year began on Feb. 2.
[4] Chamberlains, 1421. [5] leaf 17.

balance for which they are "in debt" 16*s.*; which they ask to be allowed.

erariorum, $\overset{xx}{\text{iiij}}$xix li. ij s. xj d. ob. & sic remanent in debito xvj s.[1] Vnde petunt allocari de predictis xvj s.

[On the same day John Michell and John Egeston, wardens of the Chamber (custodes camere), render their accounts for the preceding year before the mayor and the Forty-eight.]

["Alia compota." Wardens' charge £76 14*s.* 1*d.*, allowance

for reduction of rents £3 10*s.* 6*d.*, for poor tenants

£1 3*s.* 1*d.*, for Rothe 20*s.*, for repairs and chief rents £55 1*s.* 7½*d.*,

for vacant houses £3 2*s.* 4*d.*

and £2 15*s.* 1½*d.*

[Sum of allowance £66 12*s.* 7*d.*

They owe the balance £10 1*s.* 6*d.*

[[3]Jan. 1424.

[The mayor receives £33 2*s.* granted by a hall of discreet persons in Corpus Christi (S. Nicholas) Hall;

which sum of £33 2*s.*

was granted to be raised like a fifteenth, except that a sum of 20*s.* in every ward was forgiven; which sum should have been £40, but more than £33 2*s.* could not be levied.

[The mayor received from

In primis onerantur dicti custodes cum lxxvj li. xiiij s. j d. Vnde petunt allocari pro abatementes de Rentes iij li. x s. vj d. Item, petunt allocari pro tenentibus pauperibus[2] xxiij. j d. Item, allocari petunt pro Rothe, wever, de Gosford, xx s. Item, petunt allocari pro reparacionibus & Capitalibus redditibus lv li. xix d. ob.; & petunt allocari pro vacacionibus eodem anno iij li. ij s. iiij d. Item pro eodem anno predicto lv s. j d. ob.

Summa totalis allocacionis, lxvj li. xij s. vij d.

& sic dicti custodes clare debent et onerantur etc. x li. xviij d.

Hen. Peytoo, maior (etc.) per quandam aulam ex certis personis discretis in aula Corporis *Christi* (etc.) concessam, videlicet[4] mensis Januarii a. r. r. (etc.) secundo, recepit xxxiij li. ij s.; quas (? que summa) uero xxxiij li. ij s. concessa fuit modo et forma quibus xv^{ma}[5] leuari solebat, excepto quod in quolibet wardo xx s. erunt perdonati; que summa esset xl li., sed plus quam predictis xxxiij li. ij s. multis causis levari non potuit.

Item, predictus maiour recepit de Johanne Michell & Johanne Euerdon

[1] 3½*d.* omitted. [2] MS. pauperum. [3] leaf 19, back.
[4] Day omitted. [5] MS. xv^{me}.

the warden £2 for J. Crosse of Gosford Street,

£10 for J. Happeford's soul;

£4 0*s.* 6*d.*

£1 12*s.* 2*d.*

£2 0*s.* 0*d.*
£3 0*s.* 0*d.*
£2 0*s.* 0*d.*

£8 0*s.* 0*d.*

[This parcel of money delivered by J. Michel, warden.

Of which moneys, as well as of other receipts,

he asks to be exonerated in these items:

for the acquisition of Whitchurch Place in Earl Street;

paid by the mayor £40;
for the amortization of this messuage, and for following up

certain debts owed by Henry V, to Leder and Hiton £24 13*s.* 4*d.*

[To W. Babynton, chief

gardian*is* (etc.) p*ro* Johanne Crosse de vico de Gosford xl s.

Item, predictus maio*ur* recep*it* de Ric*ardo* Southam p*ro* a*nima* Joh*ann*is Happeford x li.[1]

Item, p*ro* a*nima* Joh*ann*is Garton sen. de Rad*ulfo* Garton iiij li. vj d.

[from Joh. Wellford for Alice Cortnale's soul £1. 12*s.* 2*d.*; from Hen. Breux for Ric. Marchall's soul £2; from Ric. Sharp for Tho. Pinkston's soul £3; from Will. Cross for Joh. Crosse's soul £2; from Joh. Esterton for Rob. Esterton's soul £8.]

Ista p*arcell*a de pecun*ia* deliber*ata* fuit Henr*ico* Peito maiore p*er* Joh*ann*em Michell, tu*nc* custod*em* (etc.)

De quib*us* pecun*iis* supras*cript*i*s*, videl*icet* de Recept*is* tam in isto folio q*uam* in viij° folio p*recedenti*,[2] p*redict*us Henr*icus* petit exoner*ari* de i*st*i*s* p*arcell*i*s* subsequen*tibus*, videl*icet*:—

In p*rimis* p*ro* adquicic*ione* vni*us* tene*menti* in Coventr*ia*, vocat*i* Whitchurch-place, iacen*tis* in vico Com*itis* etc., solute p*er* man*us* p*redicti* Henr*ici* (etc.) Will*elm*i Bowyer, Thome Wildgrise & Joh*ann*is Warrant, xl li.[3]

Item p*ur* le mortesment eius*dem* messuag*ii*; et ad p*ro*sequend*um* et ad inducend*um* cer*tas* (*sic*) debit*a* q*ue* debent*ur* p*er* d*omin*um Henr*icum* nup*er* R*egem* Angl*ie* quin*tum*, Joh*anni* Leder et Ade Hiton, ad hoc assignat*is*, Solut*i* xxiiij li. xij s. iij d.

Item Will*elm*o Babynton,[4] tu*nc*

[1] All the sums following are included in the "parcel of money."
[2] v. p. 64. [3] v. p. 61. [4] Chief justice of the common bench 1420.

Justice of the common bench,

for his counsel £3 6*s.* 8*d.*

paid to G. Allesley, besides the former sum,

£3 6*s.* 8*d.*

[For the new cross in the Cheaping £50.

[Allesley's business of the bailiffs' "quietus est," as appears in certain

rolls, which remain in the

mayor's bags in S. Mary's Hall.]

capit*ali* Justic*iario* dom*i*ni R*egis* de comm*uni* banco, ad essend*um* de consilio p*redicto* faciendo iij li. vj s. viij d.

Item, solut*i* Eg*idio* Allesley ultr*a* Summ*am* viij li. iij s. iiij d. concess*am* et solut*am*, p*er* cert*os* ball*ivos*[1] ciuit*atis* Couent*rie*, p*rout* in decimo fol*io* tempo*re* Henr*ici* Peito plen*ius* apparett (*sic*), iij li. vj s. viij d.

Item, factura nove cruc*is* in vico de Crosechepyng, solut*e* p*er* man*us* eiusd*em* Henr*ici* 1 li.

Mem. q*uo*d Hen. Peitoo recep*it* de Egidio Allesley tres Rotul*os*, in quib*us* comp*re*henditu*r* labor de le quietus est de tempo*re* decem ball*ivorum*,[2] p*rout* in p*redict*is Rotulis plen*ius* apparet. & que quid*em* Rotule (*sic*) remanent in vna baga p*redicti* Henr*ici* Peito in aula B. Mar*ie* virginis existente etc., que vocat*ur* le meyres bagges.

[3]THO. WYLDGRISE, MAYOR, 1424.

[Election of officers.]

[Jan. 25.

["Nomina electorum."

[27 names.

Joh. Leeder, Will. Dilcok, Ad. Hyton, Joh. Esterton, Egid. Alesley, Rad. Garton, Tho. Grene, Will. Crose, Ric. Joy, Joh. Golofre, Hen. Breux, Joh. Braytofte, Joh. Bristow, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Sharp, Ric. Deen, Joh. Franklen, Will. Fryssby, Joh. Egeston, Will. Crosse, passynger,[4] Mat. White, Nic. Byfeld,

[1] v. p. 62. [2] v. *ib.*

[3] leaf 20. See for the formula, p. 21. The names of the outgoing mayor and of the bailiffs before whom the transaction took place will henceforth be omitted for brevity's sake. The election always took place on the Conversion of S. Paul, though the mayor did not take up office till Candlemas. The bailiffs, elected at the Michaelmas leet, served till the following Michaelmas.

[4] v. Gloss.

THE COUNCIL.

Joh. Pynchebeke, Will. Bryde, Ric. Hicklyng, Joh. Warrant.

[Officers.

[[1] m. Tho. Wildegrise; cor. Joh. Dylcok; ch. Will. Crudworthe, Will. Kerver; w. Joh. Michell, Joh. Euerdon; mace (clavigerilus), Will. Oxton.

[J. Ps.

Tho. Wyldgryse,[2] m., Joh. Weston, rec., Joh. Leeder,[2] Laur. Cooke,[2] Ric. Southam,[2] Ad. Hiton.[2]]

[Names of those chosen by the mayor to be of his council, with the other 24 being present at his election.

Isti subscripti electi sunt per Thomam Wildgryse maiorem etc. ad interessendum consilio eiusdem maioris cum illis xx^ti iiij discretis et honorabilibus viris, de electione predicti maioris essentibus (*sic*) etc., videlicet: Ric. Southam, Laur. Cooke, Hen. Peito, Ric. Oneley, Joh. Bowe yer, Joh. Dilcoke, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Coton, Will. Faseman, Joh. Ray, Joh. Mychell, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Egeston, Tho. Harres, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Stille, deister, Joh. Runton, Joh. Braunston, Will. Wymondeswold, Will. Crudworthe, Will. Keruer, Ric. Bushebury, Joh. Harbourghe.

24 names.

PAYMENT OF ROYAL LOANS.

[Feb. 17. 1424.

[An agreement between the prior, Ric. Croseby, and the chief men of the corporation about the jewels in which the

Mem. quod die Veneris proximo ante festum S. Mathie[3] apostoli a. r. r. Henrici vj^ti (etc.) secundo, Super tractatu habito inter Ricardum Croseby, priorem ecclesie cathedralis B. Marie de Couentria (etc.), ex parte vna, ac Thomam Wildegrise,

[1] m. = mayor, cor. = coroner, w. = warden, ch. = chamberlain, mace = sergeant-at-mace or sub-bailiff, rec. = recorder. [2] All keepers of the common-chest keys.
[3] S. Matthias falls on Feb. 24; S. Matthew on Sep. 21.

mayor and others have interest on account of the loans made to Henry V;

the jewels are the "Iklynton Collar," a coronal, and an owche, delivered in satisfaction of the loans. It is agreed that the prior shall have the

jewels for 550 marks, paying annually 100 marks at Easter until 500 are paid, and 50 marks at Michaelmas after the date of the sixth and last bond, as appears by six bonds made between them remaining in a chest in S. Mary's Hall, of which Wildgrise and Leeder

have keys. The prior has delivery of the jewels. All which is done with the consent

maiorem, Johannem Leeder, M.G.S.T.[1] Couentrie, Laurencium Cooke, Ricardum Southam, Johannem Esterton, Henricum Peitoo & alios ex parte altera, pro etc. de & super diuersis iocalibus eisdem maiori & diuersis aliis personis in illis iocalibus interesse habentibus de denariis de prestitis domino Henrico, nuper Regi Anglie quinto, factis: videlicet, de vno jocali, vocato Iklynton Coller,[2] & alio jocali vocato Cournall, et quodam Nowche, pro satisfactione denariorum predictorum liberatis. Super quo taliter est concordatum quod predictus prior habebit dicta Jocalia pro Vcl marcis,[3] soluendo annuatim C marcas, quousque Vc marce plene persoluantur, videlicet in festo Pasche, annuatim, et in festo S. Michaelis pro data (*sic* ? post datam) sexti obligacionis & vltimi (*sic*) l marcas, prout per diuersas sex obligaciones, per predictum priorem et conuentum Thome Wildgryse, maiori, & successoribus factas etc., & sub custodia dicti Thome Wildgrise & Johannis Leeder existentes in quadam Cista sub duobus (*sic*) Clauibus eorum remanente in aula B. Marie Couentrie, plenius apparet. & quorum jocalium idem prior sub forma predicta habet deliberacionem. Que omnia et singula acta sunt et fuerunt [4] ex assensu et concensu

[1] Magister Gilde Sancte Trinitatis.

[2] Issue Rolls of Exchequer, H. III—VI. 402. The money was lent in the years 1399 and 1415, v. *supra*, pp. 60, 61. In 1422 Parliament ordered large sums in money and jewels to be transferred to the executors of Henry V and Henry IV in payment of debts, Ramsey, I. 328.

[3] £366 13*s.* 4*d.* [4] leaf 20, back.

of the mayor, the gild-masters, and others.] subscriptor*um* : videl*icet*, Thome Wildgrise tu*nc* maior*is*, Joh*ann*is Weston, Recordator*is*, Joh*ann*is Leder, M. G. S. T., Will*elm*i Dilcoke, Ric*ard*i Southam, Laur*encii* Cooke, Ade Hiton, Joh*ann*is Esterton Henr*ici* Peito, Egid*ii* Allesley, maior*is* (*sic*) [gilde] Corpor*is* Chr*isti*, Ric*ard*i Oneley & Joh*ann*is Bowyer, ball*ivorum* (etc.), Will*elm*i Crose, Ric*ard*i Joy, Joh*ann*is Golofre, Henr*ici* Breux, Rob*erti* Melburne,[1] Joh*ann*is Braytofte, Joh*ann*is Bristow, & Joh*ann*is Mychell, cu*m* aliis.

THE KING'S COUNCIL.

[2] Thes byn *cer*ten *pr*ouisions for the good gou*ernau*nce of this land, *þat* the lord*es*, *þe wich* byn of the counsell, desiron at a *par*liament holden at Westmynst*er* in the yere of o*ur* kyng Henry the VI*te* the second.

The Duke of Gloucester to show no favour.

ffirst for *þat* my lord of Glocestre, ne noo o*þer* man of the co*u*nsell, in noo suete *þat* shal-be made unto them, shall no fauo*ur* g*r*aunte, neithur in billes of ryght ne of office ne of b*e*nefice *þat* longithe to *þe* counsell, but only to answer *þat* the bill shal-be seen by all the councell, and the p*ar*tie sueyng so to haue answer.

Bills.

Item, *þat* all *þe* bille*s* *þat* shal-be put vnto *þe* councell shul-be oonys in the weke att leste, *þat* is to sai, on *þe* Wennysday, red before *þe* counsell, and *þer* answers endosid[3] by the same counsell, and on *þe* Friday next folowyng declaryd vnto *þe* p*ar*tie sueyng.

Matters terminable at common law not within the Council's province.

Allso *þat* all the billys *þat* comp*r*ehend mat*er*s termi*n*able at *þe* co*m*en law, *þat* semyth not feyned, be remytted *þer* to be t*er*myned, but ȝif hit so be *þat* discr*e*ssion of the counsell fele to grette myght on *þat* one side and onmyght[4] on *þat* o*þer* side.

[1] ? From Milburn in Stoneleigh parish.
[2] Almost verbatim version in Rot. Parl. iv. 201, referred to below as R. P.
[3] Earlier form of endorse, v. *N.E.D.* endoss.
[4] unmight = weakness.

In case of diversity of opinion, nothing shall be enacted unless there is a majority.

Item, ȝif hit so be þat any mattur sued in the counsaill fall in any dyuers opynions, þat onlesse þen þat the moore partie of the counsell ben[1] present in tyme of discorde, fall to þat one partie, þat hit be not enact and assentyd, and the namys of the bothe parties enacted by the Clerk of the counsell with þer assent or dissent.

Item, þat in all suetes þat shal-be made to þe counsell in matturs whose determynacion longithe vnto þe counsell, but ȝif hit so be þat thei touche the well of the kyng our souerayng lorde or hies realme, hastely to be sped, ellys þat thei be [noght][2] enact doon by the counsell, onless then by the nombur of vj or iiij at þe leste of the counsell, with the officers that byn present, be of oon assent; and at þat tyme the namys of the sueters to be wryton of þer own hand in the same byll.

Unanimity of council's pronouncements.

Item, for-alsomoche [as][2] hit is to grette a shame þat in straunge contres our souerayne lorde shall wryte his letteres be the advyse of his counsell for such matters & the personez as the counsell wrytith in his name, & singler personez of the counsell to write þe contrary, þat hit be ordenyd þat no man of the counsell presume to do hit on payne of shame & repreffe.

The poorest suitor's bill to be taken first,

Item, þat þe Clerk of the counsell be sworn þat euery day þat the counsaill syttythe on any byllys by-twyxt partie and partie, þat he shall, as ferr as he can, esspie which is the pooryst sueters byll, & that first to be redd and answeryd, & the kynges serieant to be sworn truely and playnly to ȝyue the pore man, þat for suche is accepte to the counsell, assistens & true counsaill in his mattur so to be sueyd without [eny][2] good takyng, on payn of discharge of þer officez.

and assistance given to poor suitors without fee.

The justices to be consulted in matters touching the king's prerogative.

Item, for-alsomoche as hit is likly þat many matters shal-be treatyd afore the counsell, þe which touchithe þe kynges prerogatyue & frehoold, [o][2] that oo partie, & oþer sogettes of that oþer, in the which maturs the counsaill is nott lernyd to kep the kynges [ryghtes][2] and þe parties bothe, without the aduyce of the kynges Justicez, which be lernyd in his prerogatyffe, & in his comen law, þat in all suche matturs his Juggez be callyd þerto, and þer

[1] beyng R. P. [2] Supplied from R. P.

aduyse *with* ther namys allso be entryd of record what & how they det*er*myne, & þe aduyse þ*er*in.

Members of the Council.

Le duke[1] de Gloucestre, leuek de Cantelbers,[2] leuek de Loundres,[3] leuek de Wynchestre,[4] leuek de Norwyche,[5] leuek de Worcestre,[6] leuek de Duresme,[7] cha*un*celle*r*, le duk dExcestre,[8] le Counte de Marche,[9] le Counte de Warwyck,[10] le Counte de Northumb*erland*,[11] le Counte de Westmorl*and*,[12] le s*ieur* de Fitz Hugh, le s*ieur* de Crumwell, le s*ieur* de Lescrop,[13] Mounts*ieur* Wat*ur* Hongerford, mon-s*ieur* John Typtoft,[14] Thom*as* Chausers,[15] Wilh*el*m*us* Halyngton.[16]

THE COMMON SEAL AFFIXED TO INDENTURES.

[The following men seal the bag, in which the common seal is kept.

M*emorandum*, quod isti subsequ*entes* sigillauer*unt* bagam in qua c*ommune* sigillu*m* existit: videl*icet*, Ric. Oneley, Joh. Bowyer, Will. Crudworthe, Will. Keru*er*.

[Apr. 5, 1424.

[The following witness the sealing of divers indentures, sealed with the common seal, made to W. Bynley (etc.).

& isti subsequent*es* int*er*fuer*unt* sigillac*ioni* diu*er*sar*um* indent*ur*ar*um* sigillat*arum* sigillo c*ommuni*: vide*licet*, die M*er*curii p*roxim*o p*ost* fes*tum* S. Ambrosii a. r. r. H*enrici* vj^{ti} sec*undo*, & fact*arum* Willelmo Bynley, bocher, Willelmo Saw, Tailo*ur*, Joh*anni* s*er*uiente[17] Ric*ardi* Southam.

[Sixteen witnesses.

Tho. Wildgryse, maio*ur*, Joh. Leeder, M. G. S. T., Ric. Southam, Laur. Cooke, Ad. Hiton, Joh. Esterton, Ric. Oneley, Joh. Bowyer, Ric. Joye, Joh. Braytofte, Will. Crosse, Joh. Mychell, Will. Crudworthe, Will. Keru*er*, Joh. Eue*r*don, Rob. Melb*ur*ne.

[1] leaf 21. "Duke" repeated in MS. [2] Henry Chicheley. [3] Tho. Kemp.
[4] Cardinal Beaufort. [5] John Wakering. [6] Phillip Morgan.
[7] Thomas Langley. [8] Thomas Beaufort, son of John of Gaunt.
[9] Edmund Mortimer. [10] Richard Beauchamp. [11] Henry Percy.
[12] Ralph Neville. [13] John, Lord le Scrope of Masham.
[14] Later, Earl of Worcester. [15] Twice Speaker.
[16] Added to the Council in 1423. Lord Bourchier's name is omitted.
[17] A servant or a sergeant.

A ROYAL LOAN.

March 29. [1]*Memorandum*, that in the tyme of Tho. Wildegrise, then beyng maiour of the Cite of Couentre, C li. was lant

The king's letter. vnto kyng Henry the vj[t] by a lettre of the privye seale direct vnto [the] maiour and the cominalte of the said Cite, of the wich lettre the tenour folowith in thes woordes :—

[In order to put an end to this present war,
as is earnestly desired,

it is necessary for the king to have provision
of a notable sum of money,

as the reverent father in God, the Bishop of Worcester, and the Earl of Warwick will lay before them; being jointly assigned in letters under the privy seal, in the absence of the great seal, to communicate with them about the business of lending a notable sum in this great necessity,

and to promise sufficient security in the case of a loan.

[The king and council desire that in the advancement of this business, which will profit Christendom generally,

Treschiers & bien amez, come pur lexploit de le present guerre en nostre Realm de Fraunce, et pur metter oue laid de Dieu brieff fin & conclusion a memse[2] (*sic*) le guerre, ainsi come souereignment le desirons, nous couiendra necessarement auoir cheuaunce & prouision dun grante[3] & notable summe de dyners, si come pluis au plein de par nous & nostre counsaill vous exposeront li reuerent pier en Dieu, leveqe de Wircestur, & nostre treschier & foiall cosyn, le Counte de Warr[ewyk]; lesqueux ioientment auoms assignez de lauis de nostre dit counsaill par nous letterez de commission de souz nostre priuie seale, en absence de graunt, pur comuniqer & traitter ouec vous de & sur la chevance daucune somme notable par vous prester a nous en cest graunt necessetie, & pour vous prometter pour & en nostre nomz sufficeant suertie de repayment de tiell summe, come nous vous vuillez en ce cas apprester. Si vous prions treschere-ment Iqueu[4] avauncement de cest besoigne, quel a laid de nostre creatour tournira au bien & tranquillite de nous [et] de vous & dont[5] (*sic*) cristianite, priendre vous voilez le

[1] leaf 22. [2] mesme le. [3] MS. looks like grame.
[4] *sic.* ? quen = que en. [5] de toute.

they will as quickly as they can,
lend a notable sum, such as the bishop and earl will inform them of, putting faith in them, and belief in their account of what the council desire should be done in this matter.

[Given under our privy seal at Westminster.]

pluis prest qe vous purres en vois[1] aidant a ceo foitz par voie daprestre dune notable summe, tiell com par les susditz Eueqe & countte vous serra lemitre[2] (*sic*) et designe, en adioustant nientmains a exu[3] (*sic*) ferm foy & credance en sa relacion a vous a faire de par nous & nostre dit counsaill en cell partie. Doné souz nostre priuie seale a Westm-[oustre], le xxix. iour de Marce.

And for-asmoche as the said Erle of Warr[ewyk],[4] the wich was assigned Jointely with the said bischop of Worcestur for to treet of this notable summe aboue namyd, myght not personally com vnto the said Cite for to treate as the letture of þe privy ceale aboue-namyd openly specifiethe, the said Erle vnto þe said maiour & burges of the said Cite in Confirmacion of this said mattur his lettre vndur his signet sendythe, of þe wich the tenour folowith in thes wordes :—Dere and wel-belouyd, we grett you well ofte-sythis. And for-as-moche as now late þer is comyn a commyssion vndur the kynges greate seale, our soueryan lorde, direct vnto the ryght reuerent fathur in God, the bischop of Worcestur, and to vs to comune with you & with oþer of the moost notabull & sufficiant Burgesses of the Cite of Couentre, þat ye wold vpon sufficyant & couenable[5] suertie make cheuaunce of a certen summe of gold vnto our souerayne lord in the supportacion of the highe and notable astatez of his Realme of Ingland and of Fraunce, & of the wellfare & good spede of my lord of Bedford, his vncle, the wich and all Englysche-men þat byn ther stonde in grett Jeopardie, but prouysyon and remedy be ordenyd from hennez with all possible deliberacion & hast. And for dyuers matters, þe wich þat touchen our estate & herettaunce we may not com personally to you for the said cause at this tyme, but haue buesied us here at Brystow with the maiour and Burgessez of that town by the commaundment of the kyng, our said souerayne lorde, in the

The Earl of Warwick unable to come,

so he sends a letter;

praying for loan of a sum of gold for the king's necessities;

as Englishmen in France stand in great jeopardy unless speedy provision made.

The earl remains at Bristol, where the burgesses

[1] ? nous. [2] ? limite, v. Gloss. [3] eux. Text corrupt.
[4] Richard de Beauchamp, 1382–1439. [5] = fit, proper.

have been very compliant,

same & lyke case; the wich town hathe ryght Notabully and kyndly acquyt them, soo þat the same reuerent fathur in God comyth vnto you in his propre person in the name of the kyng, our said souerayng lord, be vertue of the commaundment direct vnto vs bothe for the said cheuysaunce; prayng you als hertly as We can, þat all this mattur a-fore considred, wich schal-be moore effectually & expressly notified vnto you by the reuerent fader in God than we can do wryte to you at this tyme, Ye woll goodly enclyne you & consent vppon his certificacion for to do make by your good, kynd & wyse discression a conable prouysion and Cheuaunce of good[1] vnto our said souerayng lorde, now in his tendur age & his grettyst nede, and as ȝe haue full kyndly and notably doon to his wurthy auncestres tofore thies tyme, to his ease and your good worship als effectually and kyndly as we wer with you in propre persone for our loue and for the hiȝe trust we haue in you. Dere & Wel-belouyd, the Trinite haue you allway in his kepyng. Wryton in our manor of Wotton vndur Egge,[2] the xiiij day of Aprill. Shirley.[3]

and he hopes the Coventry burgesses will goodly incline them to make the provision of money needed by the king in his tender age and greatest need.

From Wootton under Edge.

[4]The mayor and his council order that £100 shall be collected through the wards in the following manner.]

The king's loan.

Gosford Street.

Collectores de Gosforde.

Joh. Stafforde, Bened. Marchall, Rad. Alott, Sim. Baker, deister, Joh. Melton, deister.

£11 12*s.* 0*d.* Summa xj li. xij s.

Jorden Well.

Jurdenwell.

Joh. Recheford, Joh. Prentes, Will. Deyster, Rob. Defforde, Joh. Cooton.[5]

£10 4*s.* 0*d.* Summa x li. iiij s.

Much Park Street.

Michparke.

Joh. Lee, smythe, Rob. Danyell, Rob. Pynnok, Joh. Yate.

£10 0*s.* 0*d.* Summa x li.

[1] *sic.* ? gold.

[2] Beauchamp held this manor in right of his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas, Lord Berkeley. Of the lawsuits between the Berkeleys and the Beauchamps, v. Smyth, *Lives of the Berkeleys,* II. passim. [3] The scribe. [4] leaf 22, back. [5] ? Cootoner.

Erle. — Earl Street.

Will. Swane, Joh. Frankelen, Nich. Palmer, Tho. Harres, Joh. Euerdon, Will. ffrysbye.

Summa xj li. vij s. iiij d.; *recepti* inde xj li. viij d.; & sic remanet *pro* Nicholao Metley vj s. viij d. — £11 7*s.* 4*d.*

Baill[y]. — Bayly Lane.

Joh. Rounton, Joh. Benett, Ad. Dyer, Joh. Sircoke, Will. Brook.

Summa vij li.; *recepte* inde vij li. — £7 0*s.* 0*d.*

Brodeyate. — Broadgate.

Ric. Bushebury, Rog.[1] Cookes, Rob. Praty, Rob. Saxston, Tho. Lyones.

Summa iiij li. xiij s. iiij d., *recepti* iiij li. xiij s. iiij d. — £4 13*s.* 4*d.*

Smythf[ord]. — Smithford Street.

Ric. Hickeleng, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Blakman, Wal. Ashebye.

Summa viij li. — £8 0*s.* 0*d.*

Spoon. — Spon Street.

Will. Pratte, Hugo Rigeley, Joh. Deister, whittawer, Joh. Broun, Joh. Essex.

Summa xj li. vij s. iiij d. — £11 7*s.* 4*d.*

Crosche[pyng]. — Crosscheaping.

Joh. Lichfeld, mercer, Rob. Lyrpoole, Joh. Style, deister, Ric. Botoner.

Summa xiiij li. x s. — £14 10*s.* 0*d.*

Byschop. — Bishop Street.

Joh. Lichfeld, bocher, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Mongomery, Hen. Knott, Joh. Walgraue.

Summa xj li. vj s. — £11 6*s.* 0*d.*

Summa totalis C li. — Total £100 0*s.* 0*d.*

Vide ulterius in folio sequente quomodo summa pre- — See further in the following leaf how

[1] MS. Rongerus.

the sum of £100 was lent, and by what persons and how. The following contributed £100, lent to the king.

dicta de C li. prestita fuit, & de quibus personis & quomodo, etc.

[1]Mem. quod omnes isti subsequentes soluerunt ad C li. domino Regi prestitas modo et forma quibus subscribuntur. & similiter ut patet folio precedente,[2] vbi collectores scripti sunt.

49 names.

[Gosford Street.]

	£	s.	d.
Tho. Wildegryse	1	6	8
Laur. Cooke	1	6	8
Will. Crose		15	0
Joh. Wellford		6	8
Joh. Style		6	8
Nich. Heywood		2	4
Joh. Wylde		2	0
Juliana Twyng		2	0
Joh. Newby		2	0
Tho. Smyth		2	0
Joh. Sheldon		3	0
Joh. Breton		6	8
Tho. Mason		3	4
Joh. Stretton		6	8
Tho. Stoone		2	0
Joh. Evysham		5	0
Wyll. Abram[3]		2	0
Ric. Kyng		5	0
Hen. Abram[3]		2	0
Rob. Tylor		1	8
Joh. Baker		3	4
Will. Bagott		3	4
Rog. Deister		2	0
Joh. Knyght		1	8
Ric. Nicole		5	0
Will. Cookes		2	6
Isabella Elford		3	4
Joh. Solyhull		1	6
Hugh Spencer		1	8
Marg. Hall		2	0
Ad. Baxster		6	8
And. Evesham		6	8
Ric. Beller		1	6
Hen. Skyll		2	4
Joh. Luff		2	6
Joh. Creke		3	4
Will. Inge		1	8
Ric. Skott		1	8
Rad. Alett		6	8
Bened. Marchall		6	8
Simon Deister		6	8
Joh. Stafford		3	4
Joh. Melton		3	4
Ric. Walker		1	8
Joh. David		1	6
Tho. Draughton		1	8
Walt. Bonde		1	4
Will. Colas		1	0
Will. Horner			10
Summa xj li. xii s.			£11 12s. 0d.

Ista summa suprascripta soluta est collectoribus eiusdem warde.[4]

53 names.

Jurden-well.

	£	s.	d.
Ric. Hampton, plumer		3	4
Joh. Cressy, mercer		6	8
Joh. Gale, Cardmaker		2	0
Joh. Sutton		3	4
Joh. Shaw		3	4
Will. Leycester		3	4
Ric. Boise		3	4
Rob. Grene		3	4
Will. Gale		1	8
Will. Cleybrok		3	4
Will. Warwyke		2	0
Joh. Freman		1	8
Tho. Turnor		3	4
Ric. Rochford		1	0
Walt. Tyrrel		2	0
Joh. Chandeler		1	8
Joh. Whalley		10	0
Joh. Leeder	1	13	4
Joh. Bryant		6	8
Joh. Prentes		4	2
Joh. Dilcok		10	0
Agnes Stanniforde		3	4
Joh. Coton		13	4
Joh. Lee		3	4
Ric. Mildenhall		1	0
Rob. Defford		6	8
Tho. Steynour		1	0
J. Hawkyns, carpenter		1	8
Joh. Morley		1	8
Joh. Recheford		3	4
Tho. Grene		3	4
Joh. Baxster		1	0
Rob. Clarke		3	0
Joh. Wade		1	8
Joh. Gryme		3	4
Joh. Maidford		2	0
Walt. Eton		3	4
Alex. Milner		1	0
Pet. Tiler		1	8
Egid. Weuer		1	0
Joh. Folkeshull		1	0
Ric. Plumer		2	0
Pet. Glasier		3	4
Tho. Dykons		3	4
Will. Stoneley		2	0
Thrustans[5] Walker		2	0
Will. Shurley		2	6
Joh. Plumer		3	4
Joh. Lusterley		4	0
Joh. Abram		6	8
Will. Deister		3	4
Will. Wylde, moldemaker		1	8
Nich. Goor		3	4
Summa xl li. iiij s.			£10 4s. 0d.

soluta est collectoribus eiusdem warde.

[1] leaf 24, back. [2] v. *supra*, p. 77. [3] A Jew?

[4] This above-written sum was paid to the collectors of the same ward.

[5] ? Thurstan.

2 names.

Muche-parke-strett.

	£	s.	d.
Will. Southam		3	4
Will. Bridde		3	4
Ric. Dene		6	8
Joh. Esterton	1	6	8
Joh. Clerke		13	4
Hen. Peito	1	6	8
Will. Freman		3	4
Agnes Brodde		6	8
Will. Bifeld		13	4
W. Broune, draper		3	4
Hen. Hobbes		6	8
Emmott Chaundeler		1	8
John Lee, smyth		3	4
Tho. Wallsall		1	8
Tho. Crose		5	0
Joh. Darby, coruis*er*		1	8
Tho. Daw		3	4
[1] Will. Lyberd		3	4
Ric. Staffordshyr		1	8
Joh. Young, baxster		1	8
Tho. Peyntour		3	4
Will. Charlton		3	4
Rob. Pynnok		1	8
Rob. Danyell		3	4
Will. Yate, card-maker		3	4
Will. Faseman		13	4
Joh. Braitofte	1	0	0
Joh. Atwall, coruis*er*		1	8
Joh. Ray		3	4
Ric. Hobbys		3	4
Nich. Gryve		5	0
Tho. Elderbeke		1	8
*Sum*ma	x li.		£10 0*s.* 0*d.*

55 names.

Erle-strett.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Harburgh		7	0
Rob. Chapman		2	0
Joh. Launde		3	4
Nich. Grene		3	4
Joh. Clifton		1	8
Joh. Cambrig		6	8
Johanna Goote		1	8
Marg. Cotener		1	8
Joh. Rivell		1	8
Joh. Vnd*ur*woode		1	8
Rog. Wales		1	8
Joh. Brabson		1	8
Ric. Sharman		1	8
Will. Repynton		6	8
Rob. Thed		1	8
Will. Swan		3	4
Ric. Cologne		1	8
Ric. Sharp		6	8
Will. Dawe		1	8
Thos. Reyuer		3	0
Will. Frysby		3	4
Ad. Suett		3	4
Tho. Cock*es*		1	8
Joh. Warrant		5	0
Nich. Bifeld		1	8
Joh. Cart*er*		1	8
Joh. Frankelen		3	4
Rob. Bifeld		10	0
Joh. Wilowby		3	4
Ric. Cardemaker		1	8
Thos. Swan		1	8
Rob. Wildegrise		1	8
Johanna Northwode		10	0
Joh. Norres		1	8
Joh. Norman*ton*		4	0
Tho. Harres		1	8
Galf. Wilnale		1	8
Joh. Eu*er*don		5	0
Joh. Burton		6	8
Tho. Swetten*h*am		3	0
Will. Wellis, mason		1	8
Will. Belg*r*aue		10	0
Will. Donyngton		10	0
Will. Crose		3	4
Joh. Mychell		6	8
Will. Colas		1	8
Joh. Raymond		1	8
Nic. Palmer		3	4
Rad. Garton		10	0
Tho. Whirley		3	4
Ric. Southam		1	8
Joh. Shotteswell		1	8
Joh. Chacombe		1	8
Tho. Warmyngton		3	4
Will. Attilbourgh		6	8
*Sum*ma xj li. vj s. viij d.			£11 6*s.* 8*d.*

soluta collect*oribus* eiusd*em* warde.

72 names.

Bayly-lane.

	£	s.	d.
Tho. Lock, thymeler [2]		1	0
Joh. Mar*s*ton		2	4
Rob. Hert		1	8
Christiana Allesley		1	4
Joh. Skyle		1	4
Joh. Harborgh		2	4
Hen. Brydde		3	4
Joh. Sircoke		2	8
Tho. Shaw		2	0
Hen. Watstyd		1	4
Joh. Crose		3	0
Thos. Thorpe [3]		3	0
Joh. Chambur		2	4
Patricius Ray		3	4
Will. Clerke		3	4
Tho. Dyvett		1	4
Joh. Whettley		1	0
Will. Ottley		1	4
Ric. Holte		2	0
Hen. Horneby		1	4
Hen. Walton		1	4
Joh. Bordall		2	8
Hen. Abram		2	0
Rob. Gloucester		1	0
Rob. Herdwyk		1	4
Ad. Dyer		3	4
Tho. Tokeby		2	0
Ric. Dyvett		2	4
Will. Allesley		2	0
Tho. Loke		2	0
Ric. Whithede		1	0
Ric. Deyst*er*		2	0
Joh. Burbage		3	0
Isabella Seward		1	0
Joh. Power		1	4
Joh. Chubboke		1	8
Nich. Edward		1	0
Hen. Upton		2	0
Johanna Wedon		1	0
Joh. Gamil		1	0
Joh. Hethull, cotener [4]		2	0
Hen. Brynklow		1	0
Will. Raynold		1	8

[1] leaf 25. [2] v. Gloss. [3] 3*s.* 4*d.* MS., the 4*d.* deleted.
[4] Earliest example in *N.E.D.* 1557: One who puts a nap on cloth.

Bayly-lane (*continued*).

	£	s.	d.
Hen. Bate		4	0
Tho. Warn*er*		1	0
Joh. Coten*er*		1	0
Ric. Leuer		1	0
Ric. Coup*er*		2	6
Will. Steynton		1	0
Eliz. Ookeam		2	0
Joh. Hull		1	4
Joh. Rounton		2	0
Will. Colvyll		1	8
Joh. Louthe		2	0
Will. Brooke		4	6
Tho. Goldsmyth		1	0
Joh. Bechampe		2	6
Rad. Coten*er*[1]		1	8
Joh. Drasse		1	0
Tho. Peuterer		2	6
[2]Joh. Milette		2	0
Joh. Spencer		3	4
Joh. Braban, paten-maker,[3]		1	2
Joh. Wiche		1	8
Ric. Croseby		1	0
Joh. Joyner		1	8
Joh. Benett		4	0
Walt. Clarke		1	0
Joh. Patenmaker		1	0
Tho. Bayly		1	8
Joh. Freman		1	8
Tho. Gryme			6
Summa vij li. solut*a* collect*oribus* eius-d*em* warde.	£7	0	0d.

40 names.

Brode-yate.

	£	s.	d.
Pet. de l*a* Mare		1	8
Will. Spenc*er*		1	4
Ric. Trentham		2	0
Will. Flekney		3	4
Joh. Barnard		3	4
Edm. Collshull		2	0
Tho. Sporyar		1	8
Joh. Ballsall		2	0
Rog. Cook*es*		3	4
Ric. Bushebury		3	4
Joh. Capp*er*		1	8
Joh. Hosier		1	8
Tho. Barbo*ur*		3	4
Joh. Barrett		1	4
Joh. Huntley		2	0
Tho. Cooke		1	8
Will. Prentes		2	0
Joh. George		1	8
Ric. Fyllipes		2	0
Will. M*a*rchall		1	8
Joh. Archar		1	8
Joh. Malory		1	4
Rob. Sporyar		1	0
Will. Dawbney		1	8
Rob. Saxton		2	0
Tho. Prentes		1	0
Ric. Sethe		1	0
Will. Sethe		1	0
Joh. Darby		1	8
Will. Okyn		1	4
Joh. Janyns		3	4
Will. Broun		1	0
Will. Foster		1	8
Joh. Fysher		1	8
Ric. Grasier		1	0
Tho. Lyones		1	8
Egid. Allesley		13	4
Ric. Oneley		10	0
Rob. Praty		2	0
Joh. Harewood		1	0
Summa iiij li. xiij s. iiij d. soluta est collector*ibus* eiusd*em* warde.	£4	13*s.*	4d.

36 names.

Smytheforde-strett.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Maynard		1	8
Will. Flore		1	0
Joh. Yate		3	4
Will. Peut*er*er		10	0
Rob. Holme		6	8
Joh. Bristow		13	4
God. Barbour		5	0
Will. Bredon, skyn-n*er*		1	0
Joh. Wymondes-wold		5	0
Tho. Broune		5	0
Magott Chaundeler		3	4
Tho. Cart*er*		6	8
Hen. Preston		5	0
Joh. Ooneley		13	4
Joh. Lirpoole		3	4
Joh. Outered		1	8
Rad. Bredon		1	8
Tho. Colman		1	8
Nich. Smyth		5	0
Will. Happeford		3	4
Joh. Peer, coup*er*		1	8
Tho. Baxster		3	4
Joh. Bramston		10	0
Tho. Joy		3	4
Joh. Olyve		3	4
Joh. Multon, Clerk		3	4
Joh. Goodwryght		1	0
Joh. Bower		10	0
Tho. Ive		5	0
Will. Jones, weu*er*		1	8
Ric. Burton, sad-eler		6	8
Joh. Egeston		4	0
Ric. Hicklyng		3	0
Wal. Asheby		2	8
Jos. Tate		2	0
Joh. Blakeman		2	0
Summa viij li. & soluta est collector*ibus* eiusd*em* warde.	£8	0*s.*	0d.

[1] or Coton. [2] leaf 25, back. [3] From Brabant; cf. Flawnders, p. 6.

71 names.

Croschepyng.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Rooke		2	0
Joh. Symondes, coruiser		1	0
Hen. Sircoke, coruiser,		6	8
Rob. Mylburne		13	4
Rob. Grubber		5	0
Hen. Colyns		5	0
Joh. Doughty		5	0
Hen. Breux		13	4
Joh. Fryche		3	4
Joh. Harbourgh3		1	8
Will. Huett		1	8
Sym. Payn		1	8
Wyll. Radclyff		1	8
Rad. Chaundeler		4	0
Joh. Burne		5	0
Joh. Parker, draper,		13	4
Alicia Parker		1	8
Joh. Bryghtmer		2	0
Rob. Mason		1	0
Agnes Dalby		3	4
Joh. Appulby		2	0
Ric. Joy	1	0	0
Pet. Sheffeld		1	8
Ric. Hendy		1	7
Edw. Lychefeld		3	4
Will. Benet, Cook,		1	0
Will. Dilcok	1	0	0
Will. Dey		2	0
Rob. Hardwyke		2	0
Agnes Wedon		6	8
Joh. Barbour		1	8
Will. Bynley		5	0
Hen. Rondull		4	0
Joh. Northampton		1	8
Joh. Rouley		1	0
Ric. Weuer		4	0
Joh. Carmaker		1	0
Rob. Lirpoole		4	0
Joh. White		3	4
Ric. Brykstook		2	0
Will. Potynger		3	4
Tho. Lylynto[1]		4	0
Moricius Bocher		1	0
Joh. Huet, mason,		1	11
Ric. Bere		1	8
Joh. Peuterer		3	4
Tho. Norwiche		1	8
Ric. Botoner		4	0
Tho. Bassyngburn		3	4
Nich. Fysche		1	0
[2]Will. Bromyche		1	0
Joh. Lychefeld		3	4
Joh. Moole, coruiser		1	0
Joh. Gascoyn		3	4
Will. Chapman		3	4
Joh. Wall		3	4
Joh. Bandy, barbour		2	0
Tho. Grene		13	4
Tho. Lokyer		1	0
Joh. Holland		1	0
Reg. Rede		1	4
Nich. Hull		3	4
Ad. Deister	1	6	8
Rob. Danyell, deister		1	8
Joh. Style, deister		6	8
Will. Darsett		3	4
Hen. Cooke		2	0
Joh. Stockton, coruiser		1	0
Joh. Haydon, Jun.			8
Rob. Stockton, coruiser,		1	0
Joh. Dyrham, goldsmyth		1	0
Summa xiiij li. xs. ij d. soluta collectoribus.			£14 10s. 2d

73 names.

Spon-strete.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Mershe		1	8
Joh. Club		1	8
Joh. Hastlyff		3	4
Joh. Nele		2	0
Joh. Essex		7	6
Tho. Paynell		10	0
Ric. Shustock		2	0
Joh. Sissetur		2	0
Ric. Waryn		3	4
Will. Pratte		17	6
Johanna Dudley		13	4
Joh. Menley		5	0
Nich. Barre		1	0
Joh. Ward		5	0
Nich. Pryse		3	4
Joh. Brere		1	8
Joh. Broun		7	6
Hugo Rugeley et *pro* Simone Busteler		7	6
Joh. Pynchebeke		1	8
Joh. Brettby		6	8
Joh. Sewyne		1	0
Will. Keruer		2	0
Joh. Deister		6	8
Ric. Neuton		15	4
Joh. Chester		2	0
Joh. Marnam		1	8
Tho. Skott		6	8
Joh. Eyre		1	0
Math. Wryght		3	4
Ric. Wellford		1	0
Joh. Wellynton		3	4
Joh. Milner		2	0
Agnes Harries		1	0
Will. Stoone		1	0
Simon Est		3	4
Joh. Birde		1	0
Joh. Harres		1	0
Ric. Style		1	8
Hen. Holt		5	0
Hen. Mason		2	0
Will. Withybroke		1	8
Will. Stockton		1	4
Tho. Lenton		1	8
Joh. Baker		1	0
Will. Wellys		2	0
Will. Welsche		1	0
Rob. Balle[3]		1	8
Johanna Bondy		1	8
Will. Yerdeley		1	0
Joh. Rydale		3	4
Will. Iryshe		1	0
Joh. Loote		3	4
Rob. Myles		1	8
Tho. Smyth		1	0
Tho. Straunge		1	0
Steph. Couche		2	0
Joh. Plasterer		3	4
Isabell Walker		3	0
Tho. Poole		1	0
Math. White		6	8
Ric. Capper		2	0
Edm. Brogreue		3	4
Joh. Westley		1	0
Geo. Weuer		1	0
Rob. Baker		1	0
Joh. Ball		1	8
Tho. Skott		1	0
Tho. Pratte		1	8
Tho. Goldsmyth		1	8
Will. Walker		1	0
Tho. Brounale		1	8
Ric. Walforde		3	4
Summa xj li. vij s. iiij d. soluta collectoribus.			£11 7s. 4d.

[1] ? Lylyngton. [2] leaf 26.

[3] ? Related to John Ball, the priest, captured in Coventry 1381.

83 names.

Bysshop-strett.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Lyncoln			8
Joh. Grynder		5	0
Alex. Barker		1	0
Joh. Attwoode		3	4
Ric. *Marche*		5	0
Joh. Stockton		1	0
Ric. Stanlake		1	8
Joh. Woodmer		2	6
Joh. Stafford, mylner		2	0
Will. Kemp		2	0
Hen. Hull		1	0
Ric. Southam	2	0	0
Rog. Bylston		5	0
Tho. Chacombe		2	0
Rog. Taylour		2	0
Joh. Staunton			6
Joh. Folvile		1	8
Joh*anna* Palm*er*		1	0
Tho. Illage		1	8
Joh. Gilbert		3	4
Hen. Walker		2	6
Will. Barrett		1	0
Ric. Pisfort			8
Will. Staunton		5	0
Will. Pere		1	0
Edm. Drou*er*		3	4
Ric. Byddell		1	8
Hugo Beu*er*		1	0
Joh. Kebull		2	0
Will. Leche		1	0
Joh. Chacombe		1	0
Ric. Bylston		1	0
Joh. London		1	0
Joh. Cooke		1	8
Joh. Maunston			8
Rob. Bandy		1	8
Joh. Edward		1	0
Tho. Fyshe			8
Tho. Kerdyff		1	0
Joh. Pratte			8
Rob. Trueman		1	0
Joh. Gold		3	4
Will. Newton		1	8
Will. Bate		2	6
Will. Bayly		1	0
Ric. Wryght		1	8
Ric. Felypps		3	0
Joh. Baxster		1	0
Hugo Shaw		4	0
Joh. Belston		3	4
Wyll. Allesley		1	0
[1]Rob. Wryght			8
Will. Crudworthe		10	0
Reignald *Prophet*		3	0
Joh. Benet		3	4
Rob. Harwarde		3	4
Will. Thornton		3	4
Joh. Wodcoke		1	8
Tho. Broun		1	8
Joh. Schulton Bareboche		1	0
Joh. Weston		1	0
Wal. Tryg		3	0
Hen. Hethe		4	0
Gal. Cole		1	8
Joh. Hayly			10
Joh. Fraiter			8
Simon More		1	8
Tho. Wryght		2	0
Rob. Weston		3	4
Rog. Lesyngham		3	4
Joh. Nele		1	8
Rob. Barbour		1	0
Joh. Couper		1	0
Tho. Smythe		1	0
Will. Wilkyns		6	8
Tho. Dovy		1	0
Rog. Goose		1	0
Will. Vmbem		3	4
Joh. Mathew		1	4
Will. Gamill[2]		1	0
Joh. Flecher		1	0
Joh. Augur		3	4
Joh. Allesley de Collect*oribus* ib*idem*		2	0
		13	4
Summa xj li. vj s. solut*a* collectoribus eiusdem warde.			

£11 6s. 8d.

[[3]Security for the aforesaid £100: 5 bonds and delivery of the same.]

Securitas *pro predict*is C li., v obligac*ione*s & deliber*acio* ear*um*.

"A C li. lent." Five bonds for

ffor the w*ich* C li. and for the suertie þ*er*off v obligac*i*ons wer delyu*er*ed vnto the said Tho. Wildegryse, maio*ur*, the w*ich* v obligac*i*ons the s*umm*a of hem is Cj li. ij s. xj d. ob. q[a], the w*ich* xxij s. xj d. ob. q[a] John Leder paid & ought to have hit agayn; & þe w*ich* v obligac*i*ons the said maio*ur* hath delyu*er*ed to his successour, John Braytoft, oone w*ith* xxxij li. viij s. ij d. & iiij li. xiij s. iij d. q[a], as moore plainly in endenturs betwen the say̆d Thomas Wildgryse and John Braytofte made is specified; of the w*ich* enden*tur* þ*at* one[4] p*ar*te abydithe in the bag of the meraltie of the said Thomas in Saynt Mary Hall in the kepyng of Ric. Goddesley.

£101 2s. 11¾d., of which 22s. 11¾d. Joh. Leder paid.

One bond together with £32 8s. 2d., and £4 13s. 3¼d., is delivered to John Braytoft.

And for as the sue[r]te of the C li. myght not be gotton

[1] leaf 26, back. [2] v. Sharp, *Antiq.* 75. [3] leaf 23.
[4] = the one. O.E. *þæt an*, neuter.

without grett labour & cost, hit was ordenyd by the hoole councell þat John Leeder shuld ryde to London for the said suerty, and he had delyuered vnto hym by thandes of the said Tho. Wyldgryse xl s., þe wich xl s. com oute of the wardenship and thei owen to haue hit agayn.

John Leeder rides to London for the security; £2 for his costs.

EASTER LEET.

[1V. f. p. before Tho. Wildegrise m., Ric. Oneley and Joh. Bowyer b., on Thursday after the close of Easter.[2] 2, Hen. VI.

Couentre. May 4, 1424.

Joh. Leder, Laur. Cooke, Will. Dilcok, Ad. Hiton, Joh. Esterton, Hen. Peitoo, Rad. Garton, Will. Crosse, Ric. Joye, Joh. Harbourghe, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Parker, draper, Hen. Breux, Will. Byfeld, Will. Crudworth, Will. Keruer, Joh. Coton, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Euerdon, Will. Birde, gurdeler, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Tate.

Jury of 24.

At the wich lete was ordenyd þat the chamburlens schullen let make a comen mase for the-office of the comen sergeaunt, or els to pay the money þat he paith yerly for his mase.

"The Chamberleyns make the comon sergens mase."

Allso hit is ordenyd þat the wardens schall make[3] the Costis that John Leeder spendithe at London abought certen occupacions for the Cite of Couentre, þat is to say in getyng Suertie of C li. þat was lent vnto kyng Henry the vj^te^ in the tyme of Thomas Wildegrise, maiour of the said Cite. And allso thei shall make good the costis þat was made unto þe buschop of Worcetur in getyng his lordschip in furtheryng this said mattur.

Leeder's expenses about the loan of £100 to Henry VI, paid by wardens.

Allso þat the chamburlayns schall make a ryng at the Bullryng, to thend þat bullez may be baytyd as they haue byn hertofore.

A ring at th Bull-ring.

And oþer ordynaunces & grauntes arn ordyned & made at this said leett, as in the endosementis of certen byllys at þat tyme put-to þe leet moore specyally doo appere.

Other ordinances transcribed.

LOAN TO THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

[4]Mem. þat by a lettre directe vnto þe maiour, baileffez, and Cetyzens of the Cite of Couentre fro the duke of

"C marks" lent to the Duke of

[1] leaf 21, back. [2] Clausum Pasche, the Sunday after Easter.
[3] ? insert "good." [4] leaf 23.

Gloucester, June 27, 1424,

Gloucett*ur* C marke was lent vnto þe said duke; of the w*ich* l*ett*re the teno*ur* folow*ith* in thies wordes:—Right trusty and wel-belouyd, we grett you well. And for-asmoche as we haue takyn full p*ur*pos to pase ou*er* the see w*ith* Godd*es* myght in o*ur* own p*er*sone for to receyue in o*ur* hand*es* o*ur* land and lordeships ther w*ith* due obeisaunce of our subiect*es*: We p*r*ay you hertly þ*at* ye will do so moche for us at this tyme as for to ease us w*ith* CC li. vpon sufficiant suertie, Consideryng that the well of us and of this our viage is lyke to t*ur*ne to ryght great ese of the people, & specially of thies m*er*chaunt*is* of this Realme; and þ*at* ye will c*er*tifie us agayn of yo*ur* entent & good will in this behalffe by the bryng*er* of this and by yo*ur* letturs; hauyng you so toward us in this matt*ur*, þ*at* we may feele yo*ur* good affect*ion*, and haue cause for to show you in tyme to come contynuaunce of o*ur* good lordship. Right trusty and wel-belouyd, our Lorde haue you in his kepyng. Yeven vnd*ur* o*ur* pryvy signett at London, the xxvij day of Juyn.

in response

to his appeal in this letter.

"Suprascripcio littere in principio."[1]

By the duke of Gloucest*ur*, Erle of Haynnau, Holland, Yelland (*sic*), and Penbrok, lord of Friseland, high chamb*ur*len, p*r*otecto*ur* and defensor of Ingland.[2]

Worthy men

Wherupon the meir lett make of thies wurthy me*n* folowyng, John Leeder, Ric. Southam, Will. Dilcoke, Ad. Hiton, Gil. Allesley, Ric. Joy, Rad. Garton, Joh. Braitofte, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Golofre, Joh. Harborugh, sen., Will. Faseman, Joh. Mychell, Rob. Melb*ur*ne, Joh. P*ar*ker, Will. Crose, Hen. Breux, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Coton, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Egynton, Joh. Eu*er*don, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Dilcok, Joh. Clerk, Will. Frisby, Ric. Sharpe, Ric. Dene, Tho. Wirley, Will. Swane, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Welford, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Tate, Joh. Broun, drap*er*, Tho. Reyu*er*,[3] Joh. Style, Deyster, Joh. Frankelen, Joh. Deyster, woleman, and o*þer*, by wose avyse and many o*þer* was ordenyd þ*at* the said duke shuld haue C marke

decide to lend the duke 100 marks,

[1] Superscription of the letter at the beginning.

[2] Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester (1391–1447), married Jacqueline, daughter of William IV, Count of Hainault, Holland and Zealand, and lord of Friesland, in 1422. In October 1424 Gloucester and Jacqueline invaded Hainault with an army of 5,000 soldiers, and Gloucester was recognised as Count of Hainault.

[3] or Reyner.

of lone vnd*ur* sufficiant suertie, & þat þe said C marke shal-be leuyd and rerd in the man*er* as heraft*ur* folew*i*th. And allso thei orden þat *per* shuld be in eu*er*y warde one or ij sufficiante men to ou*er*se the Collectours and to help them, *per* as nede is.

under sufficient security.

[1]Warde de Gosforde.

Sup*er*uis*ores*,[2] Laur. Cooke, Joh. Golofre. Collecto*res*, Joh. Stafford, wird*rawer*, Joh. Stretton, Bened. Marchall. £7. 14s. 8d.

Collection made for the duke's 100 marks.

Jurdenwell.

Joh. Leeder,[3] Joh. Bray-Tofte,[3] Joh. Dilcoke, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Rocheforde. £6. 16s. 0d.

Muchep*ar*ke.

Hen. Peitoo,[3] Joh. Bray-Tofte,[3] Joh. Clerke, Will. Brydde, Ric. Deene, Rob. Danyell. £6. 13s. 4d.

Erle & Litulp*ar*k.

Rad. Garton,[3] Joh. Harbourg3,[3] Will. ffrisbye, Nic. Grene, Joh. Launde, Joh. Mychell, Nic. Palmer. £7. 11s. 8d.

Baill[y].

Joh. Rounton,[3] Will. Brooke,[3] Ad. Dier, Joh. Berett, wyrdr*awer*, Joh. Bechamp, Joh. Sircoke. £4. 13s. 4d.

Brodeyate.

Egid. Allesley,[3] Ric. Oneley,[3] Ric. Busshebury, Rog. Cookes, Edm. Collshull, Will. M*ar*chall, Rob. Saxton. £3. 2s. 4d.

Smyth[ford].

Joh. Bowyer,[3] Joh. Brystowe,[3] Ric. Hicklyng, Joh. Braunston, Tho. Cart*er*, Joh. Blakeman. £5. 6s. 8d.

Spon.

Tho. Paynell,[3] Will. Keru*er*,[3] Will. Prate, Hugo Rugeley, Joh. Broun, drap*er*, Joh. Meenley. £7. 11s. 8d.

[1] leaf 23, back. [2] Overseers.
[3] Bracketed together as overseers

Crosch[-epyng].

Will. Dilcoke,[1] Ric. Joye,[1] Joh. Brydde, peuterer, Joh. Style, deister, Rad. Chaundeler, Will. Darsett. £9. 13s. 4d.

Byschop.

Will. Crudworthe,[1] Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Walgraue, Hen. Knott, Joh. Golde, Hen. Walker. £7. 10s. 8d. Total £66. 13s. 8d.]

Three obligations for security of the duke's debt.

[2]ffor the wich C markes, & for suertie of the same, iij obligacions were delyuered to the maiour. The wich iij obligacions the said Thomas Wildgrise hathe delyuered vnto his successour, Johannem Braitoft, meir of the said Cite, as in endenturus betwen the said Thomas & John made mor openly is conteynyd. The wich endenturs þat one parte abydith in the kepyng of Ric. Goddesley in a bag in Saynt Mary Hall abydyng.

R. Joy goes to London,

ffor-asmoche as the suertie of the said C marke myght not be gotten without grett cost and labour, by thaduyse of the hoole counsell Ric. Joy was sent to London, & he

and spends 40*s*.

spent xl s.

L. Cook to Boston, 13*s*. 4*d*.

And Laurens Cooke went to Boston to spek with the customers þer, & he spent xiij s. iiij d.

To London and Sandwich,

£6 1*s*. 10½*d*.

Total £8 15*s*. 2½*d*.

And the same Laurence, when he went to London and to Sondwiche & so hoome agayn, hauyng suerty for the said C. marke, spendid vj li. xxij d. ob. Summa totalis, viij li. xv s. ij d. ob., the wiche viij li. xv s. ij d. ob. was receuyd of the wardens sauyng xx s., wich was receuyd of the chamburlens, and owith to be payd agayne.

The following paid towards 100 marks lent to the duke of Gloucester, which money was paid in the manner following as it was lent.

[3] Memorandum quod isti subsequentes soluerunt ad Centum marcas duci Gloucestrie prestitas tempore Thome Wildgrise tunc maioris. & predicte centum marce solute sunt subsequenti modo & forma prout prestite fuerunt, videlicet:—

[1] Bracketed together as overseers.
[2] leaf 24. [3] leaf 29, back.

54 names.

Gosforte-stret.

	£	s.	d.
Tho. Wyldegrise		13	4
Laur. Cooke	1	0	0
Will. Crosse		10	0
Joh. Golofre		10	0
Joh. Wellford		5	0
Joh. Style		5	0
Hen. Abraham		18	0
Joh. Dau[i]d		1	0
Tho. Mason		2	6
Andreas Evysham		5	0
Ric. Skott		1	6
Joh. Sheldon		2	0
Ric. Walker		1	3
Joh. Solyhull		1	6
Will. Yonge		1	2
Will. Dagett		2	6
Nic. Heywood		1	8
Joh. Nueby et mat*er* ei*us*[1]		3	4
Joh. Baker, deyst*er*,		2	6
Joh. Knyghte		1	3
Joh. Wright			8
Joh. Euesham		3	4
Rob. Tyler		1	3
Ric. Som*er*		1	6
Tho. Stoone		1	6
Will. Cooke		1	6
Joh. Lee		3	4
Ad. Baxster		5	0
Tho. Draughton		1	2
Tho. Reve			8
Ric. Beller		1	0
Joh. Wellys			8
Will. Abraham		1	6
Tho. Barker			8
Joh. Wilde		1	4
Ric. Moole		3	4
Joh. Breux			8
Tho. Smythe		1	6
Sim. Deist*er*		2	6
Margaret Hall		1	4
Wal. Bond		1	0
Hen. Skylle		1	6
Rog. Deister		1	6
Joh. Buyton		1	4
Joh. Luff		1	8
Ric. Kyng		3	4
Randolf Hauenell			8
Will. Colas			8
Joh. Streyte			8
Rad. Alott		3	4
Bened. Marchall		3	4
Joh. Stretton		3	4
Joh. Stafford		3	4
Joh. Mollton		3	4

£7 13*s.* 4*d.*

Sum*m*a vij li. xiij s. iiij d. solut*a* collect*oribus*.

53 names.

Jurdenwell.

	£	s.	d.
Ric. Hampton		1	8
Joh. Cressy		1	8
Joh. Gale		1	4
Joh. Sutton		2	0
Joh. Shade		2	8
Will. Leicest*ur*		2	0
Ric. Boys		2	4
Rob. Grene		1	8
Will. Bale			8
Will. Cleybrook		2	3
Joh. Freman			8
Tho. T*u*rnor		1	8
Ric. Rocheford		1	0
Wal. Tirrell		1	4
Joh. Chaundeler			8
Joh. Whalley		3	4
Joh. Leeder	1	6	8
Joh. Bryan		4	0
Joh. Prentes		3	0
Joh. Dilcoke		6	8
Agn*es* Stamford		2	0
Joh. Cooton		10	0
Ric. Mildnale		1	0
Rob. Welford		4	0
Will. Warr[wyk]		1	8
Hen. Abram		2	4
Joh. Crooke		2	4
[2]			8
Joh. Hawkyn		1	0
Joh. Rocheforde		3	4
Tho. Groome		2	0
Rob. Clerke		2	0
Joh. Wade		1	0
Joh. Gryme		2	4
Joh. Maidforde		1	4
Walt. Etone		2	0
Alex. Mylner			4
Perkyn Tyler[3]		1	0
Ric. Plumer		1	0
Pet. Glasier		1	10
Tho. Dicons		2	0
Will. Stoneley		1	4
Thrustanus Walker[4]		1	0
Will. Shurley		1	4
Joh. Plumer		2	4
Joh. Listerley		3	4
Joh. Abram		3	4
Will. Deister		4	0
Joh. Wilde		1	4
Nic. Goore		2	4
Joh. Manton		1	0
Joh. Morley		1	0
Tho. Coryer			8
Tho. Kyrton			8

[Total £6 16*s.* 0*d.* paid etc.]

30 names.

Muche-[park-street].

	£	s.	d.
Hen. Peitoo	1	0	0
Joh. Esterton	1	0	0
Joh. Braitofte		13	4
Will. Faseman		13	4
Will. Bifeld		10	0
Joh. Clerk		6	8
Will. Glasier		1	8
Will. Southam		2	6
Will. Yate		1	8
Joh. Ray		2	4
Will. Freman		2	4
Tho. Walsall, weu*er*		1	0
Ric. Dene		1	8
Agn. Broode		3	4
Will. Broune		1	8
Hen. Hobbys		3	4
Joh. Lee		2	6
Tho. Crose		3	4
Joh. Darby		1	0
Tho. Dawe		4	0
[5]Staffordshire		1	0
Will. Libard		1	4
Joh. Yong, baxst*er*		1	0
Tho. Yorke		2	4
Will. Charlton		2	4
Tho. Eldurbek		1	2
Nic. Gryve		3	4
Hobbes, hosteler		2	6
Will. Bryde		1	4
Rob. Danyell		1	4

[Total £6 13*s.* 4*d.* paid to the collectors.]

[1] and his mother.
[2] Blank in MS.
[3] ? Name or trade.
[4] ? Thurstan. Walker = a fuller.
[5] leaf 30.

58 names.

Bailly-lane.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Marston[1]	1		7
Christian Allesley			8
Joh. Skyll	1		0
Joh. Harbourgh	1		4
Hen. Birde	2		4
Joh. Sircoke	1		9
Tho. Shaw	1		5
Hen. Watford			10½
Joh. Crose	1	10	
Tho. Thorp	2		0
Joh. Chambur	1		6
Patric. Kay	2		4
Will. Clerk	1		7
Tho. Dyvett	1		0
Joh. Whitley			8
Will. Otteley	1		0
Ric. Holte	1		2
Hen. Horneby			10
Hen. Walton	1		0
Joh. Bordale	1	10	
Rob. Gloucestre			8
Rob. Herdwike	1		0
Ad. Dyer	2		2
Tho. Tokeby	1		5
Ric. Dyvett	1		7
Will. Allesley	1		4
Tho. Loke	1		6
Ric. Whithede			8
Ric. Deister	1		6
Joh. Burbage	2		2
Isabell Sewarde			8
Joh. Power	1		0
Joh. Chubboke	1		2
Nic. Edwarde			6
Hen. Upton			8
Ric. Braitofte	1		9
Johanna Wedon			8
Joh. Upton	1		6
Joh. Gamil			8
Hen. Brinklow			8
Will. Reynold	1		0
Hen. Bate	3		0
Tho. Warner			8
Ric. Beuer			8
Joh. Duale			6
Tho. Gryme			6
Ric. Couper	1		8
Will. Steynton			8
Joh. Hull, baxster	1		0
Joh. Runton	3		4
Will. Colvyll	1		0
Joh. Louth	1		4
Will. Broke	3		4
Tho. Goldsmyth			8
Joh. Bechamp	1		8
Rad. Cotener	1		3
Joh. Brase			8
Tho. Peuterer	1	10	
[Total £4 13*s.* 4*d.* paid (etc.).]			

55 names.

Erle-strett.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Wyloughby, draper	2		6
Rob. Wildgrise	1		8
Tho. Swan	1		0
Ric. Cardmaker	1		0
Rob. Bifeld	6		8
Joh. Frankelen	2		6
Nic. Bifeld	1		8
Tho. Cookes	2		0
Joh. Warrant	3		4
Ad. Suett	2		6
Will. Frysby	3		4
Tho. Reyuer	1		8
Will. Dawe	1		0
Ric. Sharpe	5		0
Ric. Colgraue	1		8
Will. Swan	1		8
Rob. Thede	1		0
Joh. Brabson	1		8
Rog. Walles	1		8
Joh. Vndurwod	1		8
Joh. Ryvell	1		8
Joh. Malory	1		0
Johanna Goote	6		8
Joh. Cambryge	5		0
Joh. Carter, hosier	1		8
Joh. Clifton	1		8
Nic. Grene	1		8
Joh. Launde	1		8
Joh. Harbourgh	6		8
Rob. Laughton	3		0
Will. Dey	1		0
Johanna Norwoode	6		8
Joh. Norwode	6		8
Joh. Norres	1		8
Joh. Normanton	3		0
Galf. Willnale	1		8
Joh. Euerdon	4		0
Joh. Burton	5		0
Tho. Suetham	2		6
Will. Belgraue	5		0
Will. Donyngton	5		0
Will. Crosse, passenger	1		8
Joh. Mychell	6		8
Joh. Raymond	1		8
Nic. Palmer	1		8
Rad. Garton	6		8
Tho. Wirley	2		6
Ric. Ryvell	1		0
Tho. Warmyngton	2		6
Johanna Attilborugh	3		4
Joh. Wellys, mason	1		8
Joh. Chacombe	1		4
Joh. Schotteswell	1		0
Joh. Forest, tailour	1		0
Hen. Glasyer	1		0
[Total £7 11*s.* 8*d.* paid (etc.).]			

42 names.

Broode-yate.

	£	s.	d.
[2]Rob. Melton, sadeler			8
Alicia Illage	1		0
Pet. de la Mare	1		4
Will. Spencer	1		0
Ric. Trentham	1		4
Will. Fleknay	2		6
Joh. Barnard	2		6
Tho. Barbour	1		0
Rad. Duffield			8
Tho. Sporiour	1		0
Joh. Ballsall	1		6
Rog. Starky			8
Joh. Starky			6
Joh. Bredon	1		4
Tho. Power	1		0
Ric. Busshebury	2		0
Joh. Capper	1		4
Joh. Hosier	1		0
Tho. Barbour	2		0
Joh. Barrett	1		0
Joh. Huntley	1		4
Rob. Bradley	1		0
Ric. Morell, sporyer	1		4
Will. Prentes	1		6
Joh. George	1		0
Ric. Phelips	1		6
Joh. Archer	1		4
Rob. Sporiour[3]	1		0
Will. Dawbney	1		4
Joh. Rodley			8

[1] (?) Ancestor of the Elizabethan dramatist. [2] leaf 30, back. [3] A spurmaker.

Broode-yate.

	£	s.	d.
Ric. Schether[1]			6
Joh. Darby, wryght	1	0	
Rob. Flecher			8
Rob. Mannyng			8
Joh. Jamys	2	0	
Egid. Allesley	10	0	
Will. Foster			8
[2] Brasier extra portam			8
Ric. Oneley	6	8	
Joh. Harewoode			6
Tho. Riconjay			4
Will. Olyue			6
[Total £3 2s. 4d. paid (etc.).]			

37 names.

Smythefford-[street].

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Maynarde	1	0	
Dauid Burton	1	0	
Joh. Yate	1	8	
Will. Peuterer			8
Rob. Holme	4	0	
Joh. Bristowe	10	0	
Godefrid Barbour	3	4	
Tho. Broune	4	0	
Matill. Chaundeler	2	0	
Hen. Preston	3	0	
Joh. Oneley	10	0	
Wal. Asheby	2	0	
Joh. Wymondeswold, hosier	1	8	
Joh. Lirpole	2	6	
Joh. Outerede	1	0	
Rad. Bredon	1	0	
Joh. Egeston	3	4	
Tho. Colam	1	0	
Nic. Smythe	3	4	
Will. Happeforde	2	0	
Joh. Peer, Couper	1	0	
Tho. Baxster	2	0	
Joh. Braunston	6	8	
Ric. Osbern	1	0	
Tho. Joy	2	0	
Joh. Olyve	2	0	
Joh. Bowyer	6	8	
Tho. Ive	3	4	
Will. Jonys	1	0	
Ric. Sadeler	3	4	
Joh. Wymondeswold	3	4	
Joh. Goode			8
Joh. Bredon			8
Tho. Carter	2	2	
Joh. Blakeman	1	8	
Ric. Hickelyng	1	8	
Joh. Tate	1	8	
[Total £5 6s. 8d. paid (etc.).]			

79 names.

Span-[street].

	£	s.	d.
[3] Tho. Brownall	1	2	
Joh. Eire	2	4	
Sim. Busteler	1	2	
Mat. White			8
Tho. Skott			9
Rob. Baxster			9
Ric. Wallford	2	4	
Ed. Brogreve	2	3	
Lesyngham	3	4	
Will. Withibroke	1	4	
Joh. Baxster			8
Joh. Marnarme	5	0	
Joh. Loote	2	4	
Will. Kerver	5	0	
Joh. Deisterer	5	0	
Rog. Balle	1	2	
Joh. Chestur	1	2	
Hen. Holt	3	4	
Rob. Withibroke[4]			9
Joh. Westley			9
Ric. Waren	3	4	
Joh. Broun	4	6	
Tho. Paynell	6	8	
Joh. Clubb	1	2	
Tho. Pratte	1	2	
Ric. Capper	1	4	
Tho. Barbour			8
Johanna Dudley	10	0	
Ric. Shustoke	1	4	
Joh. Syssettur	1	4	
Joh. Plasterer	2	4	
Joh. Balle	1	2	
Joh. Nele	1	4	
Joh. Mershe	1	4	
Nic. Barre			9
Joh. Ridale	2	4	
Hugo Stone[5]	1	4	
Will. Wellys	1	4	
Will. Welshe			8
Will. Stockton	1	0	
Hugo Rugeley	5	0	
Joh. Kelow			9
Steph. Couche	1	4	
Joh. Wellynton	1	4	
Rad. Honyman			8
Joh. Seywyn	1	4	
Johanna Bondy	1	0	
Joh. Saburton			8
Will. Keruer, carpynter			8
Joh. Pynchebeke	5	0	
Sim. Est	2	4	
Ric. Style	1	2	
Joh. Bett			9
Tho. Goldsmyth	1	0	
Tho. Standiche			8
Will. Yardeley			9
Ric. Neuton	1	4	
Joh. Brettby			8
Ric. Wellforde	2	4	
Isabell Walker	2	0	
Will. George, weuer			9
Math. White	4	6	
Joh. Menley	3	4	
Hen. Mason	1	4	
Joh. Ward	3	4	
Will. Stoone			9
Joh. Broune, weuer			8
Raignald Whitacre	1	2	
Burbage			8
Rob. Wattes			8
Joh. Brere	1	0	
Will. Baxster			6
Joh. Hasclyffe	2	4	
Agn. Harres	1	0	
Will. Irysshe			9
Tho. Straunge			9
Joh. Essex	4	6	
Tho. Lenton	1	0	
Will. Pratte	4	6	
[Total £7 11s. 8d.]			

[1] ? Name or trade. [2] Blank. extra portam = outside the gate.
[3] leaf 31. [4] A village 8 miles N.E. of Coventry. [5] or Stene.

47 names.

Croschep[ing].

	£	s.	d.
[1]Hen. Sircoke		5	0
Rob. Melburne		10	0
Rob. Grubber		4	0
Hen. Colyns		3	4
Joh. Doughty		4	0
Joh. Atwalle		3	0
Hen. Breux		11	8
Ric. Ho[2]			
Will. Huett		1	8
Hen. Cooke		1	0
Nic. Hull		2	8
Ad. Huyton	1	0	0
Joh. Stile, deister		3	0
Will. Darsett		2	0
Will. Radclyf		1	4
Rad. Chaundeler		2	0
Joh. Burne		4	0
Joh. Parker		10	0
Joh. Frithe		2	4
Joh. Bryghtmere		1	4
Rob. Mason		1	0
Agn. Dalby		2	0
Joh. Appulby		1	4
Ric. Joy		16	8
Edw. Lichefeld		2	0
Will. Dilcok	1	0	0
Will. Dey		1	4
Will. Byneley		3	4
Hen. Randull		3	4
Ric. Weuer		3	4
Rob. Lirpoole		5	0
Tho. Lylynton		2	8
Will. Deister		1	4
Joh. White		3	4
Joh. Hall		3	0
Joh. Northman		1	0
Will. Potager		3	0
Joh. Huett, mason,		1	8
Joh. Peuterer		3	0
Tho. Grene		6	8
Ric. Botoner		4	0
Joh. Lychefeld		2	8
Tho. Norwiche		1	0
Will. Chapman		2	8
Tho. Bassyngburne		2	8
Joh. Gasquyne		2	8
Joh. Northampton		1	0

[Total £9. 8*s.* 4*d.*]

78 names.

Byschopstrette.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Kebull		1	4
Joh. Golde		1	8
Joh. Edwarde		1	0
Middelham			8
Will. Leche			6
Joh. Manston			6
Joh. Pratte			6
Joh. Mongomery		6	8
Ric. Bilston			8
Rob. Bandy		1	2
Tho. Kerdiffe			8
Will. Keresley		1	2
Will. Whithiford		1	8
Rog. Bilston		3	4
Johanna Palmer			8
Joh. Walgraue		3	4
Joh. Lyncoln			6
Tho. Chacombe		1	2
Ric. Marche		3	4
Houlott			8
Hen. Knott		1	8
Will. Staunton		3	4
Ric. Southam	1	6	8
Will. Barrett			8
Joh. Grynder		3	4
Will. Bett			6
Tho. Ilage		1	4
Joh. Lychfeld		6	8
Joh. Stockton			8
Joh. Atwoode		2	4
Rob. Horwarde		2	4
Hen. Walker		1	8
Joh. Staunton			4
Joh. Wadmore		1	8
Hen. Hull			8
Joh. Folvyle		1	2
[3]Joh. Reynold		1	4
Will. Kemp		1	4
Ric. Stanlake		1	2
Alex. Barker			6
Joh. Stafforde		1	4
Rog. Tailour		1	2
Edm. Drouer		2	6
Joh. Wodcoke		1	2
Tho. Broun		1	2
Hen. Hethe		2	8
Will. Vnbem		2	4
Will. Wilkyns		4	6
Rog. Gose			8
Joh. Allesley		1	0
Tho. Dovy			8
Tho. Smyth			8
Joh. Freman			8
Will. Gamill			8
Sim. Moore		1	2
Joh. Nele		1	2
Joh. Couper			8
Barre			8
Rob. Trueman			8
Joh. Auger		2	4
Joh. Mathew		1	0
Joh. Hayly			8
Joh. Frayter			6
Wall. Trygg		2	0
Joh. Weston			8
Rob. Weston		2	4
Rob. Barbour			8
Ric. Wryghte		1	2
Rob. Wright			6
Rob. Baxster			8
Will. Crudworth		13	4
Ric. Phelips		2	0
Joh. Jacombe			8
Will. Nueton		1	0
Will. Allesley			8
Joh. Bels[t]on		2	4
Joh. Baxster			8
Will. Bate		1	8

[Total £7. 10*s.* 8*d.*][4]

[1] leaf 31, back. [2] Blank in MS. [3] leaf 32.
[4] The arithmetic in these lists seems often faulty.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

"Couentre." Oct. 3, 1424. Jury.

[1][V. f. p. held on Tuesday after Michaelmas, 3. Hen. VI][2] Ric. Southam, Will. Dilcoke, Laur. Cooke, Will. Crosse, Joh. Warrant, Will. Swan, Joh. Golofre, Joh. Braytoofte, Hen. Breux, Rob. Milburne, Joh. Brown, Will. Brydde, Joh. Harburgh, sen., Joh. Parker, draper, Will. Kerver, Wyll. Byfelde, Joh. ffrankelen, Nic. Byfeld, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Walley, Ric. Sharpe, Tho. Paynell, Ric. Dene, Nic. Palmeer.

Bailiffs.

[Will. Faseman, Joh. Michell.]

The river.

& ordinatum est þat noo man shall cast dust ne oþer filth in the comen Ryver on the payn of xx s. without any grace at euery tresspase, and þat the comen sergeant goo aboute & serche euery weke þe forsaid Ryuer & make relacion to þe maiour of euery man þat is fond giltye, to þe vse of the chambur to be received,[3] and þat hit be proclamyd.

SETTLEMENT OF A DISPUTE AMONG THE WEAVERS.

[4][Oct. 24, 1424.

[Indenture between the master weavers and journeymen. By reason of the grievances between them both parties, through mediation of friends, and the mayor's desire, and in order that for God's praise, peace, tranquillity and final concord should continue, voluntarily submit themselves,

Pro le weuers.

Hec indentura testatur quod cum lites et discordie mote et exorte fuerint inter magistros & artificiarios de weuers Crafte ciuitatis Couentrie ex parte vna, & le Jornemen dicte artis ex parte altera, et super certis articulis et grauaminibus inter eos motis et pendentibus, tandem partes predicte tam magistri quam lez Jorneymen, amicorum suorum mediantium (*sic*), ac de mandato et desiderio venerabilis viri, Thome Wyldegryse, maioris ciuitatis predicte, vt ad laudem Dei, pax, tranquillitas et finalis concordia reformaretur et continuaretur, se posuerunt sua spontanea

[1] leaf 21, back.

[2] The names of the mayor and bailiffs before whom the leet was held being identical in both leets, they will not be repeated henceforth at the Michaelmas one for brevity's sake.

[3] or "retained."

[4] leaf 27.

after each side had taken oath, to the judgment of arbitrators,

namely the reverend Sir John Comber, perpetual vicar of S. Michael's, and Will. Wymondswold, chosen by the masters, and Thos. Euerdon, master of S. John's hospital, and Will. Porter, fisher, chosen by the journeymen, to arbitrate upon the business.

[The arbitrators having called before them the parties and heard their account, and evidence having been given, arbitrated in the following

terms: that all good customs observed between the parties

should remain permanent, if they are not inconsistent with the arbitration lately made by the arbitrators:

and every master of the craft may freely use as many looms for cloth and linen as he will:

and he may have as many apprentices as he will, without challenge;

and that John Grynder, weaver, may use as many looms for cloth and linen as he will:

voluntate et assensu, fide media inde affirmata, in presentia arbitratorum subscriptorum & aliorum fide dignorum, in arbitrio & ordinacione Reuerendorum virorum, domini Johannes (*sic*) Comber, perpetui vicarii ecclesie S. Michaelis Couentrie, et Willelmi Wymondeswold, arbitratorum per predictos magistros ex parte sua electorum, et Thome Euerdon, magistri hospitalis S. Johannis Baptiste Couentrie, et Willelmi Porter, fisher, arbitratorum per predictos Jornemen ex parte sua electorum, ad arbitrandum inter eos de premissis. Qui quidem arbitratores, conuocatis coram eis partibus predictis, auditis et intellectis ambarum illarum relacionibus, materiis, grauaminibus et euidenciis hucusque inde deliberatis, arbitrati sunt et concordati in hunc modum: In primis quod omnes bone ordinaciones et consuetudines inter partes predictas antea factas & usitatas, que hic non specificantur [in] roborem permaneant et effectum, Ita quod non sint in preiudicium uel subuercionem [arbitrii] inter partes predictas per predictos arbitratores nuper inde facti. Item quod quilibet etiam magister dicte artis libere de cetero vti valeat tot wollenloomes & lynnenlomes quot voluerit habere et occupare. & quod quilibet etiam magister habeat tot apprentices quot voluerit habere, sine contradiccione alicuius. Item, arbitrati sunt et ordinarunt per presentes quod Johannes Grynder, weuer, libere vtatur et habeat tot & quot de wollenlomes & lynnen-

and for better ensuring Grynder's liberty in this matter,

he shall pledge 100*s.*, part of which he shall pay to the masters according to the arbitrators' decision :

and whoever wishes as a master to employ journeymen or strangers
shall pay the principal master 20*s.*, by which he may use the livery [or liberty] of the craft

with all its counsels and discussions :

and that the journeymen's wardens pay 12*d.* to the chief master for every brother admitted into their fraternity :

and that the chief master of the weavers shall pay to the journeymen's lamp[2] the third part of the damages for mutual trespasses agreed on :
and that each of the journeymen

shall yearly pay 4*d.* towards

lomes sicut voluerit habere et occupare. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod pro huiusmodi libertate ipsius Johannis Grynder in hac parte, & pro bona pace & amore inter magistros predicte artis & dictum Johannem Grynder de cetero habendis et continuandis, quod Idem Johannes Grynder vadiabit magistris artis predicte centum solidos de quibus soluere [debeat] eisdem magistris secundum arbitrium & reward predictorum arbitratorum. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod quicumque de cetero qui exigere voluerit ut magister artis predicte tam de Jornemen quam de extraneis in ciuitate predicta, quod soluet principali magistro eiusdem artis viginti solidos, pro quibus vti valeat liberacione[1] dicte artis cum omnibus conciliis et tractatibus inter eos habitis & habendis. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod custodes de le Jorneymen soluant duodecim denarios principali magistro eiusdem artis pro quolibet confratre in fraternitatem dictorum jorneymen admisso et recepto. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod magister principalis de Weuers Crafte, seu magistri eiusdem, soluat vel soluant ad luminare dictorum jorneymen de qualibet concordia pro transgressionibus inter eos factis terciam partem emendarum. Item arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod dicti Jorneymen et eorum quilibet soluet dictis magistris annuatim in futuro quatuor denarios ad

[1] or "libertate."

[2] A lamp the journeymen maintained most likely in S. George's chapel on Gosford gate. For the suppression of the S. George's (journeymen) Gild by the Trinity and Corpus Christi Gilds in Feb. 1425 v. Corp. MS. B. 43 and the Introduction.

the masters' pagent; and that the journeymen have their drinking and feast with their masters as of old:
and that all the good customs practised between masters may be had in future and continued:

and that the journeymen pay 3*d.* to the masters for any contumacy done in the future:

and that no master, by reason of this ordinance, hinder any of the journeymen

from working freely with the masters
as they were of old accustomed, preferring the journeymen of the city before strangers, and especially those of the livery;
and the journeymen shall work with their masters in preference to strangers:
and none of the journeymen shall hinder any of his fellows from working with his masters:

and the journeymen
may have the third part of the payment for weaving cloth, as well less as larger,
which they weave with their masters, as they used to have:

and every one, as well of the

opus de le pagent eorundem, & quod ipsi le jorneymen habeant cum magistris suis potacionem siue collacionem sicut antea consueverunt. Item, arbitrati [sunt] (etc.) quod omnes bone consuetudines vsitate inter magistros & lez Jorneymen artis predicte de cetero habeantur et continuantur. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod predicti Jorneymen soluet (*sic*) prefatis magistris tres denarios de qualibet contumacia dictorum Jornemen in futuro facienda. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod nullus magister artis predicte occasione ordinacionis predicte aliquem de lez Jorneymen impediat uel expellat, seu impediri uel expelli faciat quominus libere operarentur (*sic*) cum magistris illius artis, sicut ex antiquo ante litem motam consueverunt, preferendo lez Jorneymen dicte ciuitatis pre aliis extraneis, et specialiter illis de liberacione[1]; & etiam quod dicti Jorneymen operabuntur cum prefatis magistris suis pre aliis extraneis. & quod nullus de lez Jorneymen procurabit uel impediet opere, concilio uel ordinacione aliquem de sociis suis operari cum suis magistris. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod dicti lez Jorneymen, operantes de cetero cum dictis magistris, habeant terciam partem solucionis percipiende pro textura & operacione singularum telarum, tam minorum quam maiorum, quos (*sic*) dicti lez Jorneymen operantur & telant cum suis magistris, sicut solebant habere illam terciam partem. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.)

[1] or "deliberatis."

masters as of the journeymen, in the matter of offences committed in the craft, be obedient to the chief master in reforming the same, as they were of old accustomed:

and that R. Marche
shall restore to the wardens of the journeymen's lamp eight shillings of the debt delivered to him in exchange, for the journeymen's use:
and that W. Martyn
shall restore 3*s.* 4*d.* of the debt lent to him for his use:

and that all debts owed by masters and men to the said masters,
by reason of the custom of the craft hitherto observed, be entirely remitted:

and that every master, who disobeys these rules, shall pay a fine at the mayor's mercy of 40*s.*

and for the like offence a journeymen shall pay 20*s.*

[Lastly they ordain that the tenour of this indenture be

[1] leaf 27, back.

quod quilibet, tam de magistris quam de le Jorneymen artis predicte, pro quibuscumque transgressionibus seu delictis in arte predicta commissis, sint obedientes principali magistro dicte artis pro huiusmodi transgressionibus seu delictis reformandis, sicut ex antiquo consueverunt.

Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod Ric. Marche, weuer, soluet & restituet custodibus luminaris de lez Jornemen dicte artis octo solidos de lez debitis sibi traditis ad excambium, ad opus dictorum Jorneymen. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod Will. Martyn, weuer, soluet et restituet custodibus de lez Jorneymen tres solidos et quatuor denarios de lez debitis sibi prestitis ad vsum ipsius Willelmi. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod omnia debita hinc inde per magistros dicte artis & lez Journeymen predictis magistris debita, racione consuetudinis artis predicte inter eos habite & consuete, remittant[ur] omnino et extinguantur. Item, arbitrati sunt (etc.) quod quicumque magistrorum, qui contra istas conuenciones uel aliquam[2] earum in futuro contrairet (*sic*), quod soluat nomine pene ad muragium ciuitatis predicte in misericordia maioris eiusdem pro tempore existentis xl solidos. & similiter quod quicumque de lez Journemen qui contra istas ordinaciones vel earum aliquam contrairet (*sic*) in futuro, quod soluet nomine pene ad muragium ciuitatis predicte xx^ti^ solidorum in misericordia maioris. Nouissime uero arbitrati sunt (etc.)

[2] MS. aliquem.

written in the paper of the mayor's mayoralty; and that the mayor and his successors have power to levy the said money penalties, when they may happen to be due.]

[The seal of the mayor is attached to the document as well as that of the arbitrators.]

[Oct. 24, 1424.]

quod tenour huius scripti indentati de uerbo ad uerbum scribatur in papiro maioratus predicti maioris ad perpetuam rei memoriam. & quod Idem maior et successores sui habeant liberam potestatem & auctoritatem leuandi predictas penas pecuniarias de tempore in tempus cum acciderint. In Cuius Rei testimonium hiis indenturis sigillum maioratus predicti venerabilis maioris ad predictorum arbitratorum requisicionem et sigilla predictorum arbitratorum sunt appensa. Datum apud Couentriam, xxiiij^to^ die Octobris a. r. r. Hen. vj^ti^ (etc.) tercio.

A ?LOLLARD PREACHER.

Nov. 30, 1424.

John Grace, hermit,

preaches in the Little Park;

he is a famous man among the people;

shows many marvels,

[1] [2]At the feest of saynt Andrew theapostull, þe yer of our liege lorde our kyng Henry the vj^te^ aftur the conquest the iij^d^, com [3]John Grace, þe wich at that tyme was callyd John Grace, heremyte, and sithen men said he was a moonke, aftur þat a frere, and sithen a recluse, com to this cite, and prechid v daies to-gethur in the Lytull-parke, seyng þat he was lycenciate & licens had to preche of the bischops minysters of this diocese, and he had prechid at Lichfeld ther in the Close among the Canons iij dayes to-gethur, and aftur he prechid at Brymmyngham, and aftur at Wallsall, and aftur at Collyshull and so com doun hithur. The wich John Grace was at that tyme a famous man among the peopull þer, as he had prechid seyng that he was a gracyous man in sayng, and a hooly lyuer, and many marvelous made and shewed; for the wich sayng many men trowen that it had byn so as hit was said apon hym a-fore tyme, and that causyd the people the more & tenderer to her his prechyng. But neuer-the-later apon

[1] Coventry was a Lollard centre. Swinderby preached, and heretical books were published there, v. *Eng. Hist. Rev.*, xx. 447.

[2] leaf 24. Printed, Sharp, *Antiquities of Coventry* (ed. Fretton), p. 205. [3] ? oone.

the said saynt Andrew day, when the said John Grace had prechid, hit was said he was not licentiate, nor noo lycens had to preche, notwithstandyng he hym-selffe said in euery sermon þat he made þat he was licienciate and lycens had to preche. And at the same day at afturnone when Evensong was doon, Ric. Croseby, priour of saynt Mary church in Couentre, was in purpose to haue gone in-to þe pulpit in the Trinite churche, as the comen voise was then, to haue denouncyd acursyd all tho þat herd the sermon of the said John Grace; and so, what thurgh þe gouernance of the priour, and the sayng of oone Master John Bredon,[1] frere of the Gray frers in Couentre, castyng ouerthwart wordes amonges the people, grett seyng was a-mong the people þat þe priour and frer Bredon wold haue cursid all tho þat herdon the said John Grace preche; ffor the wich sayng þe priour nor þe said frere Bredon wold nott goo oute of the church vnto þe tyme þat the maiour com to hem, notwithstandyng they myght haue goone well I-noughȝe whethur thei wold, & þat wott Allmyghty God. And apon this matur a-boue-namyd grett noise rose in the Contre þat the comens of Couentre wer rysen, and wold haue distroyd the priour and the said frer, wher God wott hit was not so, nor non suche thyng wrought nor purposid; the wich noise com to the counsell of the said our leige lorde, for the wich the counsell at þat tyme beyng in London leten make a lettre to þe maiour & bayleffes and comens of this Cite of the wich the tenour folowith in thes wordes:—Trusty and wel-belouyd, we grett you well; and for-asmoche þat now late hit hathe byn reportyd vnto us, & sum of our councell, þat a certen person, sumtyme a monke afturn . . . . [cætera desunt.]

but it is said he was not licentiate.

There is a great saying that the prior and Friar John Bredon will curse the audience of John Grace.

On account of the fuss made by the clergy,

erroneous reports arise.

So there is trouble made by the king's Council about the supposed riot,

and a letter written by them.

WARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

[[2]In this year Joh. Mychell and Joh. Everdon gave their accounts. The wardens are charged with £66. 12s.

[1] On Friar John's later escapade and dispute with the Convent about the funeral candles v. Leland, *Collectanea*, v. 304; Sharp, *Antiq.* 207; and *Life in an Old English Town*, p. 326–8.

[2] leaf 26, back.

2d. They ask allowance of £55. 15s. 5d. thus they remain in arrears £10. 16s. 11d.,[1] as it appears in their accounts in the mayor's bag; with which arrears they are charged in their accounts in the time of John Braytoft's mayorality.[2]]

JOHN BRAYTOFT, MAYOR, 1425.

1425. Election of John Braytoft.

[3]Elecc*io* noui maior*is* (etc.) tempo*re* & decessu Thome Wyldgryse, tunc maior*is*, Will. Faseman and Joh. Michell ball*iuorum* ciuitat*is* predicte a. r. r. H. vj^ti^ (etc.) ter*cio*.

Electors.

Joh. Leeder, Joh. Dilcok, Ad. Hiton, Egid. Allesley, Will. Faseman, Rad. Garton, Will. Crosse, Hen. Breux, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Bowyer, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Onely, Joh. Pynchebeke, Joh. Egeston, Ric. Sharpe, Joh. Tate, Joh. Warrant, Will. Bryde, Joh. Frankelen, Joh. Whalley, Will. Cross, passynger, Tho. Dawe, Ad. Suette, Joh. Runton.

Officers

[m. Joh. Braitoft; cor. Joh. Dilcok; ch. Tho. Paynell and Joh. Deister, woleman; w. Will. Frissby and Joh. Euerdon; mace. Will. Oxton, "A festo Puri*ficacionis* a. r. r. H. vj^ti^ post conquestum tercio usque idem festum extunc proxime sequens, etc."]

to serve from the Purification for one whole year.

The wardens are not to be elected henceforth as chamberlains. This ordinance affirmed by the leet.

P*rouisum* est tunc & ibidem quod custodes ciuit*atis* Couen*trie* non erunt amodo positi neque electi in offic*ium* camerariorum etc. Que quidem ordinac*io* affirmatur per letam Pas[c]he tempo*re* Johannis Braytoft tunc maior*is*.

J. Ps. within the city and suburbs.

[Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Weston, rec., Joh. Leeder, Laur. Cooke, Ric. Southam, Ad. Hiton.

Key-keepers.

The same except the recorder.]

THE SPECIAL COMMISSION.

Mayor's expenses in connection with the special Commissions during the Lent of 1425.

[4]Mem. quod Joh. Braitofte maior (etc.) soluit de suis propriis denariis, videlicet tempore quo Ricardus, Comes de Warr[ewyk] et alii Justiciarii per commissionem fuerunt hic apud Couentriam tempore quadragesimali.[5] [For the justices' horses, and for rewards to their clerks and men

[1] It should be 9*d.* (ix*d.*). [2] v. p. 101.
[3] leaf 28. [4] leaf 28, back.
[5] In connection with the late riot. Warwick came "to seize upon the franchises." Grace was arrested by the mayor and taken to Coventry gaol. Sharp, 205.

with their dinner (p*r*andio) £11. 5s. 9d. To W. Oxton for riding three times to London £1. 1s. 4d. To John Breton at the same time for his advice £1. 0. 0. To [1] Mettley for the same 13s. 4d. To Will. Donnyngton for the same 13s. 4d. To Edm. Collyshull for the enrollment of presentations of indictments before the justices of the peace in Esterton's mayoralty £1. 0. 0.[2] Sum total £15. 13. 9d.

Total £15 13*s.* 9*d.*

In this year £50 was granted by 48 discreet men to be levied and collected for certain business necessary for the city. It was delivered to John Braytoft, and used thus :—

£50 granted for these necessities.

In expenses at the time of the special commission (co*m*missione*m* specialem ad inq*ui*rend*um*) £11. 13s. 9d.[3]

Expenses £11 13*s.* 9*d.*

To Breton, Donnyngton, Mettley, Collishull & Oxton as above £4. 8s. 0d.

£4 8*s.* 0*d.*

To Laur. Cook and Ad. Hiton for riding to London about certain business, and for the men being in prison there (p*ro* ho*mini*b*us* ib*id*e*m* in p*ri*sona existent*ibus*) £20. 0. 0.

To the men in prison, etc., £20 0. 0.

To Joh. Weston, recorder, for his labour and advice, and the necessary advice of others there £20. 0. 0. Total £55. 13s. 9d. Thus £5. 13. 9d. are owing to John Braytofte.]

£20 0. 0.

Total £55 13*s.* 9*d.*

CHAMBERLAINS' ACCOUNTS.

[On the vigil of the Assumption, Ric. Oneley and Will. Bifeld, chamberlains in Esterton's time, render accounts. Charged with £98. 6s. 0d. Allowance £96. 6s. 6d. So they remain in clear debt £1 19s. 4d.[4] Which sum they are enjoined to bring in before (citra) Michaelmas; they pay it to the mayor, and are discharged.]

"Compot*us* Camerari*orum*," Aug. 14; accounts for 1422; balance £1 19*s.* 4*d.*

quit.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

[5][V. f. p. on Monday after Michaelmas 4 Hen. VI.]

"Couentre," Oct. 1, 1425.

Will. Dilcok, Ric. Southam, Joh. Leder, Ad. Hyton, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wyldegrys, Egid. Allesley, Rad. Garton, Ric. Joy, Joh. Golofre, Joh. P*ar*ker, Hen. Breux, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Bower, Tho. Paynell, Will. Kerver, Joh.

Jury.

[1] Blank.
[2] A probable reference to enclosure riots. See p. 50.
[3] ? £11. 5*s.* 9*d.* [4] It should be £1 19*s.* 6*d.*
[5] leaf 38, back. Scribe of B type.

Deister, wolman, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Onley, Joh. Egiston, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Dilcok, Ric. Sharp, Ric. Dene.

Bailiffs. [Joh. Braunston, merchant, and Joh. Coton.]

Orders of Leet. Drapery. Hit is ordeyned that all maner men that sellen Cloth on ffrydays, that they sellen hit in the drapery, & nowhere

£10 fine. elles, but if it be a woman that bereth on dossen in her armes, vpon the peyne ordeyned by the Charter,[1] that is x li.

"River" 20s. fine. [A fine of 20s. levied upon every man who does not cleanse the common river before his dwelling; the work to begin "a Monday next comyng" and be ended "be that day Sennyht," upon the same penalty.]

"Houses against the drapery." Also all the bordes of the houell anenst the drapery dore be taken a-wey after that charter be cryed & proclaymed, and a wall there made in enclosyng the Chircheyard.

John Montgomery fined 20s. for stopping the river. Also is ordeyned that the peyne forfet by John Mongomery, because of his stoppyng the Comen Ryuer a-fore is tenement, þat is to sey, xx s. be rered to the vse of the chaumbre.

And also oþer peynez forfeted be rered at euery defalt without redempcion.

[Any one within the liberties who surcharges the common with cattle shall pay 1*d.* for four sheep, 1*d.* for an ox, 1*d.* for a cow, and for every beast 1*d.*

[The chamberlains to farm out the grass and garth of Gosford Green chapel.

[As for the common river they wish all ordinances, made aforetime, to be kept,

Item, ordinatum est quod si quis infra libertatem (etc.) communam pasture superonerat cum aueriis soluat pro quatuor bidentibus j d., & pro vno boue 1 d., vna vacca j d. Et sic pro quolibet animali j d. Hoc intelligitur de pinguis (*sic*) animalibus.

Item, volunt quod Camerarii ordinant & ad firmam ponant gramen & gardum de le Chapell de Goseford-grene.

Et quoad le comen Ryuer volunt quod ordinaciones ante hec tempora ordinate amodo custodiantur, sub

[1] The Drapery belonged to the Trinity Gild, v. Corp. MS. C. 194. It was let out in stalls among the drapers. No charter I know of mentions this fine; v. *infra*, p. 104.

and the penalty is to be levied by the chamberlains.

[John Barton to come to Coventry, if he will, and keep a grammar school, if he knows well how to teach children, and keep school.]

pena prius data[1] de & in premissis; & quod pena leuatur per Camerarios.

Item, volunt & ordinat[um est] quod Johannes Barton veniat ad ciuitatem Couentrie scolam gramaticalem tenendam, si velit, & si cognoscit[2] abile (*sic*) pueros informare et scolam tenere.

OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS.

Chamberlains' accounts Oct. 25, 1425.

[3][Will. Faseman and Joh. Braunston[4] render accounts before the mayor and the Forty-Eight. Charge £84. 3s. 2d. Allowance £74. 0s. 2½d.

Balance £9 16s. 5½d.

So they remain in clear debt £9. 16s. 5½d.,[5] which sum they are enjoined to bring in on a day on this side of Christmas; on which day they bring £1. 6s. 8d. A later date, the Saturday before the Conversion of S. Paul, is given them, on which day they pay £8. 10s. 0d. of the £9. 16s. 6½.[6] and are discharged.]

quit, Jan. 19, 1426.

Chamberlains' accounts for 1424. Jan. 4, 1426.

[Will. Crudworth and Will. Kerver render accounts before the same. Charge £84. 3s. 2d. Allowance for costs of murage £70. 14s. 9d., and for the Little Park (parvo parco) £2. 14s. 0d. They remain in arrears in clear debt £11. 4s. 5d.[7] The mayor gives them £4. 0. 0. Sum £15. 4s. 5d. They have a day on this side Pentecost. On which day they ask allowance for expenses at Cook-street gate £14. 11s. 11d. Hence arrears 12s. 6d.]

Balance £11 4s. 5d. Further augmented to £15 4s. 5d. Further expenses £14 11s. 11d. Balance in arrears 12s. 6d.

Wardens' accounts for 1424. Jan. 19, 1426.

[Joh. Michell and Joh. Euerdon render accounts for Wildegrise's mayoralty.

Charge £78. 8s. 9d. Allowance £53. 15s. 6½d. Balance in arrears £24. 13s. 2½d., whereof they remain in arrears as appears in their account in Joh. Braytofte's bag.]

Balance £24 13s. 2½d.

[8][Joh. Braytofte delivered to Ric. Joy, mayor, 100 marks in part payment of 500 marks from Ric. Crosby, prior, for the first year, by the first bond as appears in the second folio of Wildgrise's time.]

Prior pays 100 marks.

[1] MS. repeats 'data.' [2] *Sic.*
[3] leaf 29. [4] Chamberlains 1423.
[5] Something wrong. £10 2*s.* 11½*d.* would be correct.
[6] *Sic.* They don't even stick to their own wrong calculations.
[7] *Sic.* Correct £10. 14*s.* 5*d.* [8] leaf 32. v. p. 63.

RIC. JOY, MAYOR, 1426.

[Election of officers.]

Jan. 25, 1426. Electors. [1]Hen. Peyto, Will. Dilcok, Joh. Leder, Laur. Cook, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Coton, Hen. Breux, Joh. Parker, Joh. Michell, Rad. Garton, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Onley, Joh. Clerk, Will. Byfeld, Will. Crudworthe, Will. Keruer, Joh. Egynton, Ric. Dene, Joh. Warant, Joh. Whalley, Will. Bird, Joh. Broun, draper, Will. Crosse, passenger.[2]

Officers. [m. Ric. Joy; cor. Joh. Dilcok; ch. Ric. Busshebury, and Ric. Botoner; w. Joh. Euerdon and Will. ffrysby; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. Ps. Justices of the peace associated with the mayor, Joh. Weston, recorder, Hen. Peyto, Laur. Cook, Ric. Southam, Joh. Leder.

Custodians of the keys. The mayor, the master of the Trinity Gild,[3] Cook, Southam, and Leder.]

ACCOUNTS AND EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DUKE OF BEDFORD'S VISIT.

Feb. 11. Present to Bedford. [[4]On the Monday before S. Valentine, it was granted by the following 48 discreet men that 50 marks and a gilt cup (cipho deaurato) should be presented to the Duke of Bedford.]

The "Forty-eight." Ric. Joy, mayor, Hen. P[e]yto, Will. Dilcok, Ric. Southam, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Brystow, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Coton,[5] Egid. Allesley, Rad. Garton, Will. Crosse, Joh. Golofre, Joh. Parker, Rob. Melburn, Hen. Breux, Joh. Bowyer, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Euerdon, Will. ffrisby, Will. Byfeld, Will. Crudworthe, Will. Keruer, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Deyster, Joh. Dilcok, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Warant, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Clerk, Ric. Dene, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Stille, deister, Will. Swane, Joh. Welford, Joh. Blakeman, Rob. Lirpole, Joh. Frankelen, Joh.

[1] leaf 39. Scribe of B type.
[2] *N. E. D.* ferry-man or ford-keeper. This is earlier than the first example given there, viz. 1533.
[3] Henry Peyto. [4] leaf 39. [5] or Cotoner.

Runton,[1] Joh. Onley,[1] Joh. Broun,[1] drap*er*, Joh. Launde,[1] Will. Brid, Joh. Walgraue, Bened. Marshall.

Expenses in the matter of the Duke of Bedford at the time of the presentation of the 50 marks and cup; master ? Sparver had 20*s.*, the messenger and porter 3*s.* 4*d.* apiece; so had one who gave the mayor and others a stag; in expenses at a dinner at Warwick and for the horses 11*s.* Total £2. 1*s.*

Mem. q*uod* iste fuer*unt* expense (?) expend*ite*[2] v*ersus* duc*em* Bedfordie, tempo*re* p*re*sentac*ionis* p*re*dict*orum* 1 marc*arum* et Ciphi.

In p*ri*mis magister (?) Eper*uer*[3] apud ffulbrooke[4] h*ab*uit xx s.; le messenger xl d.; le porter xl d.; ac ips*e* qui p*re*sentavit maiori ac aliis viris cum vno Ceruo xl d. Item, in expensis apud Warre*wyk*, dum fuer*unt* in p*ra*ndio ib*ide*m, et expens*is* equ*orum* xj s. Sum*m*a totalis xlj s.

The following presented the duke with 50 marks and a cup.

Mem. q*uod* isti subsequ*entes* p*re*sentauer*unt* duce (*sic*) Bedd*fordie* cum predict*is* 1 marc*is* ac Cipho, videl*icet*:— Ric. Joy, maior, Hen. Peyto, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegrise, Will. Dilcok, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Braunston, Rob. Melburn.[5]

The present to the duchess upon Goodtide Monday, Feb. 11. Mayor's accounts. 50 marks.

[6]Hit is to haue in mynde that Ric. Joy, meire, reseyued of Joh. Braytoft 1 marc' & a cuppe ou*er*-gilte. The whiche 1 marc' & the Cuppe the seyd meir with oder wurthymen p*re*sented the duches[7] of Bedford at Fulbrok apon Gudtydmonday.[8]

Also the seyd meire reseyved of the seyd John Braytoft son after the seyd tym od*er* 1 marc'. Also the seyd Ric. Joy reseyved in the secund weke of Lenton of

[1] These names are bracketed together with the words, "non fuere p*re*sentes." [2] An inadmissible form.

[3] Quite plainly written epu. ? Sperviter = a keeper of sparrow-hawks (Halliwell).

[4] For Fulbrook Castle v. Dugdale, 470. The gatehouse was built by Joan, Lady Bergavenny (v. *infra passim*), and when the property came into Bedford's hand he enclosed a park and built this castle. It became ruinous before the end of the century, and Sir William Compton took the materials to build Compton Winyates.

[5] The last two paragraphs are bracketed together with "vacat q*uia* alibi, videl*icet* folio subsequente" (omitted because elsewhere, viz. on the leaf following) in the margin.

[6] leaf 40. ? Another scribe of type B.

[7] Anne, sister to Philip the Good, Duke of Burgundy. Married 1423; remembered for her protection of Joan of Arc.

[8] The day before Shrove Tuesday, v. E. E. D. Gooddit. It is likely the duke was not present, as a council was summoned to be held at Northampton on Feb. 13. Ramsey, I. 365.

£116 4*s.* 4*d.*

Jôhn Michell & John Breton[1] C li. xvj li. iiij s. iiij d. Also the seyd Ric. Joy reseyved the moyse of Ester of

and 100 marks from the prior for the monies or payment of Easter.[2]

Ric. Crosseby, p*r*iour of seynt Mary hous in Couentre, C marc'. The whiche CC marc' receyued of John Braytoft & of the seyd p*r*iour, how hit is payed & deliuered more playnly aperithe in the lef next after followeng.

Mayor asks allowance for divers expenses in entertainment of the duke and duchess, Lord Talbot and others.

Of the whiche sum*m*es the seyd Ric. Joy askythe alowance for certen expe*n*ses made to the duke of Bedford, the duches of Bedford, the duk of Gloucestre, my lady of Bergeveney,[3] my lord Talbote,[4] & oder, the whiche expenc*e*s the sume extendithe, as hit aperithe in a paper in the seyd meires bag beyng, to[5]

EASTER LEET.

"Couentre." Apr. 6. Jury.

[[6]V. f. p. held before Ric. Joy m., Joh. Braunston and Joh. Coten b., on Saturday after Easter 4 Hen. VI.] Hen. Peyto, Ric. Southam, Will. Dilcok, Laur. Coke, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wilgrise, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Bristowe, Rad. Garton, Will. Crosse, Joh. Golofer, Joh. Michell, Hen. Breux, Joh. Bowyer, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Boton*er*, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Euerdon, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Deist*er*, wolman, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Onley, Ric. Dene, Joh. Egeston.]

Orders of Leet. 'Selling cloth in drapery'; only 'dozens' to be sold by women on market days outside drapery or 6*s.* 8*d.* fine.

Hit is ordeyned þ*at* no p*er*sone sell no cloth vppon þe ffriday but in the drap*er*y, & in no place elles, except women sellyng dosens in hir armes, uppon the peyn at eu*er*y time of vj s. viij d. to be rered to the wardens of þe Cite.[7]

Chamberlains to enclose Barons Lane.

Also hit is ordeyned that a lane, called Barons-lane, be enclosed, so þ*at* no man haue no harme in their gardens, ne hir closes, be no evell doers, and þ*at* hit be inclosed be the Chamb*er*leyns.

At which ther was put vp a bill be þe co*m*ens of the Croschepyng warde, the teno*ur* wherof herafte*r* ensueth:—

[1] Michell was warden 1421 and 1423.
[2] v. *supra*, p. 63.
[3] Joan, Lady Bergavenny, daughter of the Earl of Arundel. Her husband owned Fillongley and Fullbrook in Warwickshire. See Dugdale, *Warw.* 470, 730, for an account of this lady, whose portrait was in a stained-glass window in S. Mary's Hall.
[4] John Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury. He married Margaret, daughter of Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick.
[5] Blank in MS. [6] leaf 38. Scribe B.
[7] v. p. 100, where the fine is the extraordinarily large one of £10.

'Conduit':

To the worshipfull astat*es*, mair & his peres of the Cite of Couentr*e*, besecheth mekely y*our* por*e* neyghb*ours* of þe Croschepyng: ffor-asmoch as a full nedefull & worshipfull thyng to þe Co*m*en pr*o*fet was made with gret coste of goode of þe worshipfull mens, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wilgrise, Rog. Benet, Tho. Grene, Joh. Egeston & other, to come into þe Croschepyng to ease of all people, the co*m*en Cundyte, and at diu*ers* letes billes han ben endosed and ordena*unces* made full worthely th*at* þe Chamb*er*leyns shuld ordeyn the pypes to be kept of the seid condite withoute þe barres, & iche warde aftur as the cundyte cometh to, be ij kepers in eu*ery* warde to kepe & ou*er*see that no welles nor suspiralles, other then ben ordeyned, shuld be had to let the co*m*en Cours of the seid Cundyte; ayenst þe which John Stafford in þe West-orchard, & at þe place late of John Lirpole, both welles & sprynge*s* oute of þe same cundyte, su*m* made with lyme & ston[1]; & in other place also the cours of the Cundyte is letted, to gret hyndryng of þe co*m*en people. Wherfor*e* please yowe to ou*er*se these defalt*es* and amend he*m* as reason asketh, & assigne c*er*ten kepers in ich warde aftur your discrescion to take charge of kepyng of þe same.

Petition about its course,

which against all good rules is letted by John Stafford

and others with wells and springs;

the petitioners request the leet to assign keepers in each ward to take charge of it.

Which bill is indosid as foloweth: Hit is ordeyned the mat*er* comp*re*hended in this bill be holden aft*ur* þe ordina*unces* made before tyme be lete; and ou*er* þ*at* they ordeyn þ*at* no man*er* man ne woman make no issue ne breke the Cundyte fro this tyme forward, vppon þe peyn of xl s.; and þ*at* þe seid John make hit ayen within viij dayes, vppon xl s., & for his offens they am*er*cy hym at xl d.

The petition is endorsed with a confirmation of existing orders; a 40*s.* fine fixed against offenders; Stafford is fined 40*d.* and ordered to repair mischief within 8 days.

NIC. ASSHEBURN AND THE TRUST.

June 6, 1426.

Nich. Assheburn

[2]Mem. that the sixt day of Jun the yer of kyng Henre the sixt after the conquest the fourthe at Couentre, Nich*ol*as Assheburn frely & of his own pr*o*fre afore Ric. Joy, that tyme meir, Joh. Braunston & Joh. Coton bayll*ifs* (etc.), Hen. Peyto, Will. Dilcok, Ric. Southam, Laur. Cook, Ad. Huyton, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Bristowe, Joh.

[1] ? Omission here.

[2] leaf 40. The same scribe as above, p. 103.

is sworn to give true information

Michell, Rob. Melburn & Joh. Bowyer, preyed he myght be sworne to yif true enformac*i*on of a mater that folouthe, vpon the whiche he at that tyme afore the seyd persons sworne seyd :—that the feffement that the seyd Nich. made to Ric. Joy, Tho. Burton, grocer, of London & to John Swetton of Couentre was apon trist, & the relas that the [seyd] Richard Joy made afterward to the seyde John Swetton was made apon trist, at the preyer of the same Nich., & to refef the seyd Nich. when he were requyred, that is to sey, of a mece lyeng atte Brodyate in Couentre in the whiche Edmund Colshull now dwellethe, that is called the Belle.

concerning a messuage called The Bell.

Hugh Rogeley

Also the same day of Jun Hugh Rogeley of Couentre cam afore the seyd meire, & all the seyd Wurthymen & p*ro*fered hym to yif enformac*i*on of the seyd mater ; & he ther sworne seyd :—that wher Thomas Grene of Couentre enfeffed hym & Nich. Assheburn in the seyd mece to haue to hem & to the Eyres of the seid Nich., that afterward the seyd Nich. confermede the astate of the seyd Hugh to hym & to his heires be a ded there shued. "And wher hit is seyd that I, the seyd Hugh, shuld be my dede rel[e]ce to the seyd Nich. all my right that I hadde in the seyd mece, I neuer relesed ne made dede except oon shued afore all the seyd wurthy men, the which abydethe stille in myn own kepyng & neu*er* was delyu*er*ed be-cause of diu*er*s condic*i*o*n*es broken."

denies that he has released his right in the messuage to Hugh.

And hit is to be had in mynde that the seyd meire, baill*if*s, & all oder wurthy men aboue named, haue grauntede yif the seyd Hugh dye to record this same mater, yif it be desyred, vnder the sele of the meyralte.

DECREES BY THE COUNCIL.

Sep. 7. 1426. 50 of the Council

[1]Hit is to haue in mynd that in vigill of the Natiuite of our lady thes p*er*sones folowyng, that is to sey, Ric. Joy, Laur. Cook, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Michell, Hen. Breux, Will. Dilcok, Tho. Wildegryse, Rad. Garton, Joh. Coton, Will. Crosse, Rob. Melburn, Will. Keruer, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Onley, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Warant, Joh.

[1] leaf 40, back.

Egeston, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Busshebury, Joh. Walgraue, Hugo Rogeley, Joh. Euerdon, Will. Swane, Will. Belgraue, Joh. Ray, Will. Brid, Mat. White, Joh. Frankelen, Benet. Marchall, Joh. Mongomery, Tho. Reyner,[1] Rob. Lirpole, Will. Darset, Joh. Broun, draper, Joh. Runton, Will. Pratte, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Stille, Ad. Suette, Joh. Normanton, Nich. Palmer, Ric. Hykelyng, Joh. Prentes, mercer, Will. Broun, draper, Joh. Grynder, weuer, Joh. Lychefeld, bocher, Rob. Grubber, Will. Peuterer, Joh. Bryd, Joh. Deister, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Sircock, Joh. Bryd, peuterer, Tho. Illage, Nich. Hull, deyster, han ordeyned that the knyghtes[2] expences for this yere shall be payd be the wardens of this Cite, & not be the Chamburlens.

ordain that the knights' expenses be paid by the wardens,

Also they ordeyne that the seyd knyghtes expences, the xli. that the mere hathe yerely, the fee of the Clok, shall heraftur be payd be the wardens, & not be the Chamburlens.

and the same for the mayor's fee of the cloak.

Also they ordeyn, & hit is confermed be the lete, that ther be made a new extent of the murage thorough this Cite be-twene this and Cristmasse.

A new valuation for murage.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

[3] ¶ [V. f. p. held on the Wednesday after Michaelmas 5 Hen. VI.] Will. Dilcok, Laur. Coke, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wilgrise, Joh. Braytoft, Rafe Garton, Joh. Parker, draper, Joh. Golofer, Will. Crosse, Hen. Breux, Rob. Milburn, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Michell, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Clerk, Will. Kerver, Joh. Deister, Will. ffrisby, Will. Wymondeswold, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Walgraue, Joh. Runton, Will. Belgraue.

"Couentre." Oct. 2, 1426. Jury.

[Will. Byfeld, Will. Crudworth.]

Bailiffs.

Hit is ordeyned þat no maner man cast no muke nor wede, ne no maner of filth in the watir cald Shirburn; and þat all maner of swyncote, stables & houses for bestes that ben ouer the watir be do awaye, and that all maner of lowpes[4] of stables & of other howeses be stopped vp, on þe peyn of xx s., and of euery defalt aboue-sed xij d.;

Orders of leet. "River Shirbourn,"

no filth to be cast in it;

pigstyes etc. to be done away.

[1] or Reyuer. [2] ? Knights of the shire. [3] leaf 41, back. Scribe B.
[4] A loop-hole, probably a house drain communicating with the water. Not in *N. E. D.* in this sense.

and that þe comen seriant do execucion and rere hit to the vse of þe Citie. And all þe worthymen of the lete beseche the maire that hit be duely kept at her Instaunce;

Overseers of the river nominated.

and þat Laur. Coke, Tho. Wilgrise & Joh. Golofre haue þe ouersight fro þe Erlesmill to Laur. Coke mylne; & Will. Dilcok, Hen. Breux, Rob. Milburn, & Ric. Botoner haue þe ouer-sight from þe corner of Adam house[1] Deister to the Erlesmyll; Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Phelippes haue þe ouersight of þe water of Welstrete, Bishopstrete & Cokestrete to þe priours mylne, and þat Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Braunston, Rad. Bredon, Tho. Paynell, Tho. Goldesmyth & Joh. Blakeman from the Brodeȝate vnto Bablake-ȝate, & þe watir a both sides þe Brige of Smythford vnto Ad. Deister.

"Butchers' filth."

Also þat no Bochour cary no entrelles of bestes vppon þe ffriday [or 40 d. fine at every default.]

"None te impound Cattel at Chelesmore."

[No man to "pynne" beast at Cheylesmore, or 40 s. fine to the use of the city at every default.]

"Pinffolds made."

[Four pinfolds to be made by the wardens in four parts of the city.]

Murage money to be applied only to the town wall.

Also they ordeyn and pray þe mair to extent of new þe murage or Cristmasse next comyng, and þat hit be apployed to þe Towne wall and no otherwyse, nor to non other vse.

"Cunduits Repaired";

Also they ordeyn vppon a bill put to thèym for þe Condyte that fro þe hedur-ende of þe Brige to þe hed of Cundyte that þe wardeyns haue þe ouersight & þe mendyng of hit, and þe wardes þe other parte, and þat warde þat woll not make þe coste and be founde fauty þat hit be stopped, and þat ther be no pype more then a swan penne.[2]

no pipe more than a swan pen allowed to run from the conduit.

Ironmongers' horses to be led to water

Also hit is ordeyned that Iremongers & other resortyng to this Cite with their horsez that they frohensfurth lede their horses to þe water, & not to drive theym for dyuers Incon[uen]iencez þat þeruppon myght fall; and þat þe comen seriant arest euery such horse, & take for a hors iiij d., at euery tyme they do contrarie to þis ordnaunce, to þe vse of þe Chambre.

on pain of 4*d.* fine.

[1] Correct M.-E. construction; dialectal omission of gen. sing. (Mr. Stevenson).

[2] pen = a quill-like pipe, a tube. v. *N. E. D.*

[Swine going on the common to be impounded in the common pinfold, and not at Cheylesmore.] "Swine to be impounded."

OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS.

[[1]Tho. Paynell, & Joh. Deyster, 'wolleman,' render accounts before Ric. Joy, & other honest men being present, of their chamberlaincy. The said chamberlains are charged with £84. 3s. 2d., and with £4. 0s. 0d., which John Braytoft delivered them in money by tale (in pecun*iis* num*eratis*), total £88. 3s. 2d. They ask allowance for divers expenses connected with the wall etc. £87. 4s. 0d., and it is allowed them, as appears by the papers in the mayor's bag. And they remain in arrears 19s. 2d.] Jan. 16, 1427. Chamberlains' accounts for 1425. Charge £88. 3*s.* 2*d.* Expenses £87 4*s.* Balance 19*s.* 2*d.*

[On the Monday after the conversion of S. Paul, Ric. Joy, mayor, renders his account before Tho. Wildegryse, Will. Dilcok, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Golofre, Joh. Bristow, Will. Byfeld, Rad. Garton, Will. Crosse, John Michell, Joh. Coton, Hen. Breux, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Bowyer and Joh. Parker. He is charged with 200 marks, received from John Braytoft & the prior,[2] of which he asks allowance of £103. 0s. 8d.; and is in arrears £30. 6s. 0d. as appears by a paper in the mayor's bag.] Jan. 27, 1427. Mayor accounts before 15 worthy men; charge £133. 6*s.* 8*d.*, allowance £103. 0*s.* 8*d.*; balance £30. 6*s.* 0*d.*

GILES ALLESLEY, MAYOR, 1427.

[3]Tempore Egidii Allesley, maioris. Jan. 25.

[Election of new officers.]

Tho. Wildegryse, Will. Dylcok, Ric. Southam, Joh. Leder, Hen. Peyto, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Golofre, Will. Crosse, Hen. Breux, Joh. Parker, Joh. Michell, Joh. Braunston, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Bowyer, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Deyster, Joh. Onley, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Warant, Joh. Egynton, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Dene, Will. Wymondeswold, Will. Bryd. 24 electors.

[m. Giles Allesley; cor. Joh. Dylcok; ch. Joh. Prentes, Joh. Runton; w. Will. ffrysby, Joh. Doughty; mace, Will. Oxton. Officers.

The following justices of the peace were chosen (electi J. Ps.

[1] leaf 41. [2] v. pp. 103–4. [3] leaf 42.

sunt) by the new mayor, Joh. Weston, rec., Tho. Wyldgrise, Will. Dylcok, Laur. Cook, Hen. Peyto.

Key-keepers. Mar. 1.

[The mayor, Tho. Wyldegryse, M. G. S. T., Laur. Cook, Hen. Peyto, Joh. Braytoft.]

ACCOUNTS AND ROYAL DEBTS.

Mar. 1, 1427.

[1][Giles Allesley received from Ric. Joy £113. 4s. 4d. of

Henry IV's debts.

a certain loan made to King Henry IV when Will. Whitchurch was mayor[2]; also £30. 6s. 0d. of the 200 marks

Mayor's accounts.

received by Joh. Braytoft and Ric. Joy from the prior, as appears in the second leaf preceding.[3]]

3 Jan. ? 1428.[5]

[4]Mem. þat þe iij day of Januer the forseid Mair did come afore him *cer*tein *per*sones in sancte Marie Hall, *per* beyng þe chirche Reves of senct Mighels of Couentre, and asked of þaym þe dettes *þat* were owyng of þe tyme

King Henry's debt goes to church vestments in S. Michael's

of kyng Henri þe iiij to go to þe vse of þe vestiments of þe forseid chirche. And so þei ȝiving good wille *g*raunted, as a Rolle wole make men*cion*; the whiche is in þe maires bagge, of þe whiche he askeþ alowance of his charge. *Sum*ma[6]

Also the vj day of ffeuerer[7] þe forseid mair dud calle before hi*m* in senct Nicholas halle men *þat* were owing of þe *Tri*nite parisshe dyu*ers* somes of time of king Henry

and Trinity churches.

þe fourthe to go to þe vce of vestments of þe *Tri*nite chirche. And so þei ȝiving good wille graunted *per*to, as a Rolle makeþ men*cion*, þe whiche is in þe maires bagge, and an o*þer* þat Sir John Heydon haþ in his warde, of the which þe forseid mair askeþ alowance of his charge. *Sum*ma xxxv li. v s. j d.

EASTER LEET.

Couentre. May 1, 1427.

[8][V. f. p. held before Giles Allesley m., Will. Byfeld and Will. Crudworthe b., on SS. Philip and James 5 Hen. VI.]

Jury.

Will. Dilcok, Laur. Coke, Joh. Braytoft, Ric. Joye, Joh.

[1] leaf 42, back. [2] 1399. [3] v. p. 109.
[4] leaf 43. Another scribe, variant of B type.
[5] Year uncertain, v. next entry. [6] Blank in MS.
[7] It could not have been the same mayor in both cases, as the feast of the Purification and beginning of new mayoralty intervenes between this and the last entry. ? read Januer.
[8] leaf 43, back. Scribe B.

Golofer, Joh. Bristowe, Rafe Garton, Will. Crosse, Joh. Michell, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Coton, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Euerdon, Tho. Paynell, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Runton, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Onley, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Burton, Joh. Doughty, Ric. Sharpe, Will. Birde, Joh. Warant.

Hit is ordeyned that þe Cokes frohensfurth make halpeny pyes as other Townes doth, vppon peyn to lese di*midiam* marc*am*[1] at euery def*alt*. 'Cookes' half a mark, 6*s*. 8*d*. fine.

Also that all man*er* Brewers, Tapsters & huksters sell goode ale & sufficient, like as the mair ordeyneth, as well withoute house as within, vppon þe peyn of xl d. at eu*ery* def*alt*. 'victualers' 3*s*. 4*d*. fine.

THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

[2]Hit is to haue in mynde that the Thursday next after the Ep*iphanie*,[3] þe yer aboueseyd, the seyd meir, be avise of his Counsell, made com afore hym thes wurthymen foloweng:—Joh. Braytoft, Will. Dylcok, Ric. Southam, Laur. Cook, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wyldegryse, Ric. Joy, Ric. Sharp, Tho. Paynell, Will. Crosse, Joh. Brystowe, Joh. Mychell, Rad. Garton, Joh. Launde, Nich. Palmer, Joh. Burton, Will. Belgraue, Will. Broke, Hen. Bryd, Joh. Benet, Tho. Wirley, Rob. Praty, Joh. Onley, Joh. Egynton, Joh. Dylcok, Will. Bryd, Will. Swane, Joh. Clerk, Ric. Dene, Will. Cortenhale, Joh. Willowby, Joh. Revell, Ad. Swette, Tho. Reyner, Tho.(?) Glene, Joh. ffrankelen, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Runton, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Warant, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Deyster, Will. Keruer, Mat. White, Will. Pratte, Joh. Broun, Joh. Esex. ? Jan. 9, 1427.[3] ? Aug. 1427. Council of forty-eight.

And then shewed & rad afore hem a letter directed be the duke of Gloucester, Erle of Haynnau etc. protector & defensor of Englond, to the meire, Recordour & Bayllies of the Cite of Couentre. The whiche letter folouth in thes word*es*: The Duke of Gloucester's letter.

By the duk of Gloucestre, Erl of Haynnau, & protectour & defensour of England.

Trusty and welbeloued, we wol, and in my lordes name and ouris, we charge you that ye shape you that ye be

[1] xl d. deleted. [2] leaf 42, back.
[3] Wrong date. Aug. 10 is date of letter.

Most peremptory!

withe vs a Fryday next comyng atte firthist, wher-sumeuer we be, for certayne causes whiche we shull declare vnto you at your comyng. And that ye fayle not hereof in no wyse. Yeven vnder our signet at Leycestre, the x day of August.

To our tristy & welbeloued meire, Bayles, Recordour of the Cite of Couentre.

Mayor and others to go to London the quindene of Michaelmas, and peace to be kept with the Earl of Stafford.

And so the meir, Baylys, Recordour, & many oder wurthy Rydon to Leycestre to his wurthy presence to knowen the entent of his wille. And ther he comaunded the seyd meire, Bayles and Recordour to be at London afore hym the xv of Mich[aelmas] & the mene tyme to kepe the pese ageynest the Erle of Stafford & his.[1] Wherapon thes xlviij wurthy above named ordeyned the seyd meire, Baylis, Recordour, Laur. Cook, Henre Peyto, John Michell shuld ryde to London the seyd xv to the seyd wurthy lorde, and they ordeyned the Costes to be borne to Leycester & to London of the Tresour of this Cite, the whiche is in the seyd meires hondes. The whiche Costes apereth more pleyneley in a paper beyng in the seyd meires bag, beyng in seynt Mary halle.

They go, and the cost is borne by the treasury.

PRIOR'S DEBT.

[(Sept. 29.) The mayor received from Ric. Crosby, prior, 100 marks, and delivered to him his written bond of the same sum.]

MICHAELMAS LEET.

Couentre. Oct. 2, 1427.

[2][V. f. p. held on Thursday after Michaelmas 6 Hen. VI.] Tho. Wylgrise, Will. Dilcok, Ric. Southam, Joh. Braytoft, Ric. Joye, Will. Crosse, Rafe Garton, Hen. Breux, Joh. Michell, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Coton, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Parker, Joh. Euerdon, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Botoner, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Onley, Joh. Warant, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Peuterer, Joh. Runton, Joh. Ray.

Bailiffs.

[Ric. Sharpe, Tho. Paynell.]

[1] Humphrey, afterwards Duke of Buckingham, and owner of Maxstoke Castle, Warwick; killed at Northampton 1460.

[2] leaf 44.

Orders of leet. "muck" on the muck-hill.

Hit was ordeyned þat noman ley no more muke at þe cross beyonde the Newe-ȝate, but vppon þe mukhill besidis þe crosse vppon the right hande, vppon þe peyn of xij d., and þat hit be rered be þe comen seriant, or els þat hit be stopped vppon the hire of þe seid comen seriant.

The recorder's livery.

Also hit is ordeyned that the Recorder haue his lyuere of þe Trinite Gilde at þe coste of þe Baillifs as hit hath ben aforetyme, and also his lyuere [?hyre] of the Baillifs as hit was before.

WARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

[1][Joh. Euerdon and Will. ffrisby account before Giles Allesley for the years 1425 and 1426, and are charged with the foot of the account (cum pede compoti) of Joh. Michell and Joh. Euerdon £24. 13s. 2½d.[2] and with £123. 17*s*. 0*d*. Total £148. 10s. 2½d.

Expenses which appear in their book in the mayor's bag.

They ask allowance for repair of houses, chief rents,[3] and other divers expenses, for the first year £38. 18s. 4d. The same for the second £72. 15s. 5d. And for vacancies (vac*ancionibus*) the first year £4. 7s. 3d.; and the second year for the same £2. 12s. 0d. And for arrears of rent the first year £1. 9s. 3d., and for the second year £1. 10s. 4d.; and for money given to the tenants for two years 7s. 7d., and for a certain breakfast (quodam iantac*ulo*) 6s. 6d., and for the clerk 3s. 4d. Also they ask allowance of £4. 2s. 7d. of the foot of the account of the said John Michell and John Euerdon because it could not be levied. Sum total £126. 12s. 7d. And so they remain in arrears £21. 17s. 6½d.[4]]

Sum of allowances £126. 12*s*. 7*d*. Balance £21 17*s*. 6½*d*.

JOHN BRISTOWE, MAYOR, 1428.

Jan. 25, 1428. 24 electors.

[5][Election of officers.]

Joh. Braytoft, Will. Dilcok, Ric. Southam, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wyldegryse, Ric. Joy, Will. Crosse, Joh. Parker, Rad. Garton, Hen. Breux, Joh. Bowyer, Ric. Sharp, Tho. Peynell, Will. Byfeld, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Onley, Joh. Clerk, Will.

[1] leaf 43. [2] v. p. 101. [3] Quit-rents.
[4] It should be £21. 17s. 7½d. [5] leaf 45.

Keru*er*, Joh. Deyster, Will. Belgraue, Joh. Coton,[1] Joh. Warant.

Officers. [m. Joh. Brystowe; cor. Joh. Doughty; ch. Joh. Lychefeld, grazier, and Joh. Stille, deyster; w. Will. ffrysby and Joh. Doughty; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. P.s elected by the mayor. [2]Joh. Weston, rec., Laur. Cook, Will. Dilcok, Hen. Peyto, Joh. Braytoft, Tho. Wildegrise.

Key-keepers. The same, except the recorder.]

WARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

? Jan. 28, 1428, or Jan. 26, 1429. [3]Mem. that Will. ffrysby & John Doughty, wardenes of this Cite,[4] haue acounted be-fore John[5] Brystowe, meire, & oder worthi on the Wednesday next after seynt Poule day of the tyme of Giles Allesley beeng meire.

Charge £83 16*s.* 1½*d.* Atte whiche accounte thei were charged withe $\overset{xx}{\text{iiij}}$ iij li. xvj s. j d. ob. *Sum*ma on*era*ci*on*is $\overset{xx}{\text{iiij}}$ iij li. xvj s. j d. ob.

allowance £56 4*s.* 2*d.* Wherof thei aske alowans of lvj li. iiij s. ij d. of bates[6] & oder discharges, as hit aperithe in a boke beeng in John Bristowes bag in seynt Mary halle.

£2 6*s.* 2*d.* Also they aske alowance of xlvj s. ij d. that myght not

for poverty, etc. £58 10*s.* 4*d.* be leued for pou*er*te & oder causes. *Sum*ma alloca*cion*is lviij li. x s. iiij d.

balance owed £25 5*s.* 9½*d.* And so thei abyden in arrerage & clere dete xxv li. v s. ix d. ob. *Sum*ma arrera*gii* xxv li. v s. ix d. ob.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

"Couentre" Apr. 15, 1428. [7][V. f. p. held before Joh. Bristowe m., Ric. Sharp, and Tho. Paynell b., on Thursday after the close of Easter.]

Jury. Joh. Braytoft, Will. Dilcok, Tho. Wilgrise, Ric. Joye, Rad. Garton, Will. Crosse, Hen. Breux, Rob. Milburn, Joh. Michell, Joh. Coton, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Onley, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Doughty, Will. Keruer, Joh. Stylle, Joh. Warant, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Boton*er*, Joh. Lichefeld, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Prentes.

[1] or Coton*er*.
[2] The mayor's name should be included.
[3] leaf 46. [4] In 1427. [5] repeated.
[6] *N. E. D.* deduction, diminution, abatement. This example is earlier than the one there given.
[7] leaf 45, back.

Hit is ordeyned that Will. Wymondeswold fey[1] & clense his diches betwen Mich-graunpesfeld and Litel-graunpesfeld betwixt þis & þe Crossedayes,[2] vppon þe peyn of xx s. to þe vse of the Towne.

[3][V. f. p. held on Monday after Michaelmas 7 Hen. VI.] Joh. Braytoft, Will. Dilcok, Laur. Coke, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wilgrise, Will. Crosse, Hen. Breux, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Michell, Joh. Braunston, Rad. Garton, Joh. Warant, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Parker, draper, Ric. Bottoner, Ric. Busshebury, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Stille, Joh. Lychefeld, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Onley, Joh. Doughty. [Joh. Clerk, Joh. Euerdon.]

"Couentre" Oct. 4, 1428.

Bailiffs.

Hit is ordeyned þat no maner huxster by no maner of vitaill þat cometh to þe Cite till hit be xj of þe Clok, vppon þe peyn at euery defalt to lose xl d.

Orders of leet. Hucksters; 40d. fine.

Also þe ordeyn þat John Bretayn shall haue yerely whils he is Clerk of the Wardeyns xxvj s. viij d., with that he be abidyng & dwellyng within þis Cite.

The wardens' clerk's fee.

Also they ordeyn þat no wiredrawer within þis Cite make no caue ne ordynaunce, but þat all journeymen of þe seid Crafte shall worch in their owne housez at their owne lust, vppon þe peyn þat who-so doth þe contrarie forfet Cs. at euery defalt, & that caue so made be theym be dampned, & had for nought.

"Wier-drawers"; journeymen to work in their own houses.

At which lete þer was a bill put vp be þe priour to haue had seuerall Sacherscroft, Cristes-crofte,[4] alia pastura iuxta Blaklane, alia pastura iuxta Quetesforde, Swannes-crofte, Spitelcrofte, & le Conynger[5] in Hasilwode. Que peticio respectuatur.

"Comons or Lamas Ground." The prior's petition is respited.

[6]Hit is to haue in mynde that at [this leet] the smythes of Couentre put vp a bille foloweng in thes wordes :—

"Smiths pageant";[7]

To you fullwurshipfull Meir, Recordour, bayles, & to all your discrete counsell, shewen to you the craft of Smythes how thei were discharged of the Cotelers pachand be a lete in the tyme of John Gote than meire,[8] &

The smiths complain

[1] To clean out.
[2] *N. E. D.* Rogation days; or the three days before Ascension day.
[3] leaf 46, back. [4] v. Corp. MS. C 62.
[5] *N. E. D.* a rabbit-warren. [6] leaf 45, back.
[7] On this pageant v. Sharp, *Mysteries,* and Hardin Craig, *Corpus Christi Plays* (E. E. T. S.), 82–91. [8] 1420.

quytances made be-twene the forseid craftes oder to oder, lik as hit is well knowen & redy for to shewe. And now late Giles Allesley in his office of meyralte preyed the forseid craft of smythes to take the gou*er*naunce of the seid pachand as for his tyme & no forther. And the seid craft did hit wilfully[1] to his plesaunce; for the whiche cause the forseid pachand is yete put to the forseid craft, & thei han no man*er* of dute to tak hit to hem. Wyche thei beseche that ye of your grete goodnes discharge the forseid craft of smythes of the pachand atte reue*er*ence of God & of Truthe, and orden hit elles where ye ben better avised be your good discression.

that they are forced to produce a pageant, from which burden they had previously been discharged;

The whiche bull (*sic*) be the avise of all the wurthy of the seid lete, and all oder apon the same lete beeng, was onsuered & endosed in this wise:—Hit is ordeyned that the smythes shull ocupie the seid pachand forthe eu*er*y yere, apon the payne of x li. to be payd at eu*er*y defaute to the vse of the chambur.

the leet insist upon their continuing the practice.

OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS.

[2][Ric. Boton*er* & Ric. Busshebury, late chamberlains, render accounts before the mayor.] And the Cite is founden in arrerage to the seid Chamburlenes xj li. xvij s. ix d., as hit aperith in a paper beeng in the seid meires bag. Sum*m*a xj li. xvij s. ix d.

The city owes the chamberlains for the year 1426 £11 17*s*. 9*d*.

Hit is to haue in mynd that John Brystowe hathe reseyued of Giles Allesley xxxviij li. of the money of the Cite, of the whiche sum*m*a xx li. he payd to the makyng of the hed of the condite, for the whiche xx li. John Onley is bonden be obligac*i*on to pay x li. at Mich*elmas*, the vii yere of the kyng that nowe is, & x li. at Mich*elmas* then next foloweng, and the remenau*n*t is xviij li.

The mayor's money; £38 0*s*. 0*d*.

£20 paid for the work at the conduit;

balance £18 0*s*. 0*d*.

Also the seid John Brystowe hathe reseyued of the priour of Couentre at Ester the vij yere of the kyng that now is C. marc'.[3]

Prior's debt: 100 marks.

[1] Willingly, voluntarily.
[2] leaf 46. [3] v. *supra*, p. 104.

LAURENCE COOK, MAYOR, 1429.

[1][Election of Officers.] 1429.[2]

Will. Dilcok,[3] Tho. Wildegrise,[3] Joh. Braytoft,[3] Ric. Joy, Egid. Allesley, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Euerdon, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Coton, Hen. Breux, Joh. Braunston, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Bowyer, Will. Crosse, Rad. Garton, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Ronton, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Dene, Joh. Onley, Will. Bryd, Joh. Warant. 24 electors.

[m. Laur. Cook;[3] cor. Joh. Whalley; ch. Joh. Launde and Tho. Crosse; w. Will. ffrysby and Ric. Dene; mace, Will. Oxton. Officers.

Joh. Weston, rec., Hen. Peyto, and see note.[3] J. Ps.

The same without rec.] Key-keepers.

MAYOR'S ACCOUNTS.

[4][In the presence of the following 48 worthy persons, Joh. Brystowe delivered to Laur. Cook, mayor, the prior's Easter payment for the sixth year of Henry VI, 100 marks; also he delivered to him £18. 0*s.* 0*d.*[5]] Jan. 24, 1429.

Tho. Wildegryse, Hen. Peyto, Joh. Braytoft, Will. Crosse,[6] Joh. Golofre,[6] Joh. Dilcok, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Coton,[6] Joh. Prentes, mercer, Will. Bryd, Joh. Clerk, Will. Byfeld, Ric. Dene, Bened. Marchall, Joh. Welford, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Warant, Will. Swanne, Rad. Garton, Joh. Michell, Joh. Euerdon, Will. Belgraue, Joh. Willowby, Tho. Reyner, Joh. ffrankelen, Joh. Ronton, Ric. Busshebury, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Onley, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Egeston, Tho. Paynell,[6] Joh. Broun, draper, Will. Keruer, Joh. Deyster, Joh. Benet, wirdrawer, Ric. Botoner, Hen. Breux, Rob. Melburn, Ric. Joy, Will. Dilcok, Joh. Stille, Joh. Doughty, Ric. Southam, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Lychefeld, bocher, Joh. Walgraue, Will. Staunton, Ric. Phelippes. The Forty-eight; really 50 names.

EASTER LEET.

[7 V. f. p. on Tuesday after the close of Easter 7. H. VI, before the mayor.[8]] Apr. 5, 1429.

[1] leaf 47. [2] No day given. [3] J. Ps.
[4] leaf 47, back. [5] v. p. 116. [6] A cross by these names.
[7] leaf 48. Another scribe of B. type.
[8] Names of jury and bailiffs omitted in MS.

Orders of leet. "Shirbourn." Mayor to oversee the brook.

Atte whiche lete among oder was ordeyned that the meyre shuld go be all the brooke, & se where hit is narowed, mysruled, or stopped, or encroched, & that hit be amended be his discression.

Actions at law to be brought in the city courts only.

Also they ordeyne that no man of this Cite sue non oder of the same Cite that is sufficiant withe-Inne this Cite, but only atte co*m*en lawe at Westm[ynstre], or elles withe-Inne this Cite [or 100 s. fine to go to the town-wall from any one "foundon fawty."]

Master Pynchard, schoolmaster.

Also they ordeyne that mayster John Pynchard, skolemayster of Grammer, shall haue the place that he duelleth Inne for xl s. ye yere, whyles that he duellithe In hit & holdythe gramer skole hym-self ther-Inne.

New assessment of murage.

[1]Also the murage be nowe extent be avyse of the mair, and that they þ*at* haue lande pay for their lande; and they that haue non that they be extent be advyse of þe mair*e* & hir agrement afor*e* their goode*s*; and yf they woll not agree therto, that then they be extent be þe mair & his Counceill.[1]

MICHAELMAS LEET.

Oct. 3, 1429.

[V. f. p. before the same on Monday after Michaelmas 8. H. VI.[2]]

Orders of leet.

Town-ditch.

Atte whiche lete was ordeyned that no man cast non erthe ne oder fylthe in the town dyche [or 40 d. fine] to be rered to the vse of the town walle[3] be the co*m*en se*r*iaunt, be ouer-syght of the meyre & chamburlenes.

Sergeaunt taken in adultery.

Also they ordeyne that no se*r*iaunt ne oder officer taken in avowtery be no more officer, but that he be put out of her office at what tyme they or ony of hem ben founden in suche defaute.

Hermitage at Gosford-gate.

Also they ordeyne that the Ermytage withe-out the Gosford-yat be vsed as an hermytage, & that the meyre for the tyme beyng put in that place what Ermyte he wille, so that he be of honest conu*er*sac*i*on & vertues man.

Swearing at the leet.

[4]Also they orden that eu*e*ry man at eu*e*ry lete be

[1—1] Scribe B. [2] MS. omits names.

[3] The town-wall seems to have required much repair about this time. Perhaps it had been badly damaged during the quarrel with the Earl of Stafford.

[4] leaf 48, back.

sworn that comyth vpon the grete enquest, except meyrez & baylyves that shullen [? be] charged after the old custome.

Also they orden that al-maner men of this Cite that may bere pay to the murage for ther godes as oder men don for her lond, as hit is graunted be the kynges patent[1]; and that the meyre take in eu*er*y warde iiij p*er*sones suche as hym thynkethe best for to extent & assesse al-tho that han no lond in eu*er*y warde be tho iiij p*er*sones, that the meyre takethe of the warde that they duell Inne.

The mayor to take four persons in every ward to assess the murage.

Also they ordeyne that the meyre serche the brooke, & lat cast down all man*er* stakes and oder that letten the cours of the water, & that no man cast no muk ne weede ne non oder fylthe in to the co*m*en water, apon the peyne of di*m*. mark at eu*er*y defaut to be rered be the co*m*en se*r*iaunt to the vse of town walle, be ou*er*sight of the meyre. And that the co*m*en se*r*iaunt eu*er*y Saturday do serche eu*er*y mannes house be the broke, & certyfye the meyre as he fyndythe, apon the peyne of losyng of his office; & that the meyre execute hit in all haste withe-outen ony grace.

No filth in the water or "River Shirbourn." 6*s*. 8*d*. fine.

[Privies and purprestures in or upon the Red-ditch to be done away with by certain persons assigned by the mayor. No more to be made there on pain of half a mark to the town wall. The common sergeant ordered to search it every week.]

"Red-dich."

TALBOT'S RANSOM.

Hit is to haue in mynde that for the Rawunsome of the lorde Talbote[2] thez gode men of the Cite of Couentre folowyng han 3yvon to his Rawnsom wyth ale her gode hertes.

Gift towards Talbot's ransom.

[Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braytoft, Hen. Peyto, Ric. Southam, Will. Byfeld, 20 s. each; Ric. Joy, Joh. Braunston, Ric. Sharp, 13s. 4d. each; Rad. Garton, Joh. Eu*er*ton, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Mychell, Will. Carver, Hen. Syrcok, Joh. Cater, Thom. Dawe, Will.

[1] 38. Ed. III, p. 2, m. 32 (Dugdale 98).

[2] John Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, taken prisoner at Patay, June 18, 1429; killed at Castillon 1453.

Swanne, 6s. 8d. each; Joh. Bowyer, Will. Crudworth, Joh. Shadd, Joh. Ronten, Joh. Alen, Ric. Busshebury, Joh. Revell, Mat. White, 3s. 4d. each. Tho. Paynell 40s.
£15 6s. 8d. Total 23 marks.]

COLLECTION OF A FIFTEENTH.

[1]xv peny payd in tyme of Laurence Cooke beeng meyre, graunted at a *par*lyment holden in the terme of Mich[aelmas], the yere of kyng Henry the vj the viij.[2]

Collectors.

Gosford-strete.

Will. Bryddesmere, Bened. Marshall, Joh. Stafford,
£5 16s. 0d. Joh. Baker, deyst*er*. Sum*m*a v li. xvj s.

Jurden-well.

Joh. Cressy, Joh. ffreman, Joh. Lee, Rob. Derford.
£5 2s. 0d. Sum*m*a v li. ij s.

Muche-park-stre*te*.

Will. Bryd, Will. Cortenhale, Will. Charlton, Joh. Lee,
£5 0s. 0d. Smyth. Sum*m*a v li.

Bayly-lane.

Joh. Harborgh, Joh. Merston, Joh. Spenser, Tho.
£3 10s. 0d. Peuterer. Sum*m*a iij li x s.

Erl-strete.

Ad. Suette, Tho. Reyner, Will. Belg*r*aue, Nich. Palmer.
£5 13s. 8d. Sum*m*a v li. xiij s. viij d.

Brod-yate.

Tho. Draper, Rog. Wales, Rob. Saxton, Rob. Praty.
£2 6s. 8d. Sum*m*a xlvj s. viij d.

Smyth-[ford-strete.]

Joh. Tate, Joh. Blakemon, Ad. Dyer, Ric. Hykelyng.
£4 0s. 0d. Sum*m*a iiij li.

Spon-strete.

Ric. Walford, Joh. Broun, Mat. Whyte, Joh. Sysseter.
£5 13s. 8d. Sum*m*a v li. xiij s. viij d.

[1] leaf 50, back. [2] Rot. Parl. IV. 336.

Cros-ch[eaping].

Will. Darsette, Joh. Halle, Ric. Chapman, Will. Bromwyche. *Summa* vij li. v s. £7 5*s.* 0*d.*

Bysshop[-strete].

Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Grynder, Hen. Knot, Ric. ffylyppes. *Summa* v li. xiij s. £5 13*s.* 0*d.*

MAYOR'S ACCOUNTS.

[1][Laur. Cook paid away the prior's 100 marks, received from his predecessor Jan. 24] vnto certen *per*sones that lant the seyd C. marc' to the sege of Harflete in the tyme of the seyd Laurence fyrst beyng meyre.[2] Jan. 24, 1429. 100 marks lent to the siege of Harfleur, 1415, repaid.

Also the seyd Laurence hathe reseyued of John Bristow xviij li. [and] thus is spended: & first delyv*er*ed to John Clerk & John Euerdon, then bayles, iij li. for poor men that weren endited in the kynges benche & might not pay her fynes.[3] Also to Will*iam* Repynton 10 mark for bryng*er* of an C. li. fro the duke of Bedford, the whiche was oweng to the Cite of Couentre. Also gyven to a messenger of the seyd duke of Bedford for bryngyng l*ett*res to the seyd meyre & oder wurthy out of ffraunce, xxvj s. viij d. Also to iij mynstrelles of the kynges xx s. And to iij Trumpettes of the kynges xx s. Also to iij mynstrelles of the quenes x s. And the residu of the money spended apon the makyng of the Town dyche, & the spey[r][4] atte Gosford yate.

Mayor's further expenses; £3 to poor men endited at the King's Bench: to the duke's messenger £6 13*s.* 4*d.*; to another £1 6*s.* 8*d.*; the king's and queen's minstrels.

Hit is to haue in mynde that the seyd Laurance, meyre, in the fest of seynt Thom*as* of Caunt*er*bury last past, hathe reseyued of Will*iam* Repynton, auditur of the duke of Bedford, C li. of the su*m*me of the CC li., the whiche was lante to seyd Duke the tyme of Adam Deyst*er* beyng meyre.[5] The whyche C li. the seyd Laurance hathe payd to hem that lant hit withe-Inne iij wekes after that he reseyued hyt.[6] July 7 or Dec. 29. The Duke of Bedford pays up £100.

[1] leaf 50.
[2] Cook was mayor 1415. Harfleur surrendered to Henry V Sept. 22, 1415.
[3] Probably on occasion of the Lollard rising under Grace the hermit, v. *supra*, p. 97.
[4] ? Spar = a bar or beam to fasten a door. *v.* E. D. D.
[5] Adam Huyton or Deyster mayor 1419. [6] Some erasures here.

A further payment of the prior—100 marks—returned to Henry V.'s creditors. Siege of Harfleur 1415.

Hit is to haue in mynd that the seyd Laurance, meyre, hathe reseyved of the priour of Coventre C marc' for the payment of Ester the vij yere of kyng Herry the syxt; the whyche was lant to the sege of Harflete in the tyme of the seyd Laurence fyrst beyng meyre. And the seyd C marc' the seyd Laurance, meyre, hathe payd & delyuered at the fest of Cristmas last past vnto hem that lant hit; and the cause why hit was so long vnpayd was for the seyd meyre cowd not gete hit payd of the priour but at iij paymentes, & the last payment was a litell afore the seyd Crystmas.

The dilatory prior.

THO. PAYNELL, MAYOR, 1430.

Jan. 25. [1][Election of officers.]

Electors. Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Braitofte, Ric. Joy, Egid. Allesley, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Rad. Garton, Joh. Parker, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Egynton, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Dilcoke, Will. Belgraue, Will. Bryde, Joh. Tate, Joh. Frankelen.

Officers. [m. Tho. Paynell; cor. Joh. Whalley; ch. Will. Swane and Hen. Sircoke; w. Ric. Dene and Joh. Warrant; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. Ps. Tho. Paynell, Joh. Weston, rec., Laur. Coke, Will. Dilcoke, Tho. Wyldegryse.

Key-keepers. Tho. Paynell, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braytofte, Will. Dilcoke, Hen. Peytoo.]

[A letter was sent to the mayor and community about lending the king a notable sum; whereof the tenor is as follows:—

[2]Memorandum quod ista subscripta litera missa fuit maiori & communibus ciuitatis Couentrie ad prestandum domino Regi quandam notabilem summam; cuius litere tenor sequitur in hec uerba:—

REQUEST FOR LOAN.

[Mar. 1, 1430.

[The king who, with the aid of our Blessed Creator, pro-

Chiers & bienz amez, come pur lexploite de la viage, quell a laide de nostre benoit creature nous purpos-

[1] leaf 52. Scribe A. [2] leaf 55.

poses to go over to France the next April,
to put short end to the war, as he earnestly desires,

wishes to be provided in all haste with a notable sum of money,
as will be shown to them by the reverent father in God, the Bishop of Chester, the Earl of Warwick, the Lady of Abergavenny,
Ferrers of Groby, the Prior of Coventry, Will. Mountforde, Barth. Brokesby, Joh. Weston, and the Sheriff of Warwick and Leicester, who by the Council's advice have been

jointly and severally assigned by letters and commissions under the Great Seal
to treat about this loan of a notable sum,
to be lent to the king in this great necessity. The commissioners have authority to promise repayment in the king's name,
to come from the fifteenth

granted by parliament,

to be paid in the following

ames fare en nostre persone en le mois davrell[1] prochein venaunt, viers nostre realme de Fraunce, pur y metter breffe fyn et conclusionz a nous guerrez, ainsi come souereignement le desirons, nous couiendra necessarement estre puruoux a tout bon haste dun notable sume de money, sicome plus au plein vous exposeront de par nous le reuerent pier en Dieu, leuesqe de Cestre, & nos treschieres & foiaxl (*sic*) cosenes, le counte de Warwik et le (*sic*) dame de Be[r]geuenny, & nous treschieres & foialx le Sieur sire (*sic*) de Ferrers de Groby, le prioure de Couentre[2] & William Mountforte, Chiualer,[3] Bartholemew Brokesby,[4] John Weston,[5] & nostre vicounte de nos countes de Warr[ewik] & Leic[estre], lesquex de lauis & assent de nostre counsell auomz assignez iointment & seueralment par nous lettrez & commissionez desouz nostre graund seale pur communiquier & treter ouesqe vous de & sur le cheuaunce dune Notable[6] sume de money a nous aprestre en cest nostre graunte necessite, & pur vous promitter pur & en nostre noun sufficiant suertie & repaiment de le dit sume de lez deners prouenauntz de la quinzeisme de nostre darrein parlement, par lez communes de cest nostre Realme a nous graunte, & a nous a paye[r] a le fest de seint Marten en Iuerne prochein venant, solonc

[1] MS. looks like darrell. [2] Ric. Croseby. [3] Of Coleshill, *v.* Dugd. 717.
[4] *ib.* 732. He was in 1419 Sheriff of Warwickshire, and one of the executors of Lady Bergavenny's will.
[5] Serjeant-at-law; he held lands in Wolston and Weston: *ib.* 25, 209, 541.
[6] *i. e.* a sum to be noted and repaid.

Martinmas.

[The recipients of the letter are urgently requested that for the advancement
of this, the king's first, journey which, with the Creator's aid, will turn to the good and tranquillity of all the king's loyal subjects,
they will quickly provide
a notable sum and that avowrey,
and send it by a trusty messenger to the treasurer at London, between then and Easter following. The treasurer, by authority of parliament, will give them such security of repayment as
will content them withal.

[They are entreated not to fail the king in this great necessity, as they desire his honour and welfare, and the final salvation of his realms,
giving credence to what the commissioner or commissioners will expound to them on the king's behalf. Given under the privy seal at Westminster on March 1.

[The letter having been heard and understood, the mayor, bailiffs and community consented to lend £100;

leffett & contenue dun ait (*sic*) pur money a nous aprestre en mesme n*ostr*e p*ar*leament sur ce faite. Si vous pr*io*mez trescheirment quen avaunce-ment de cest n*ostr*e primer viage, que ia a leid de n*ostr*e benoit crea-ture turnera au bien & tranquillite de nous & de vous & de toutz nos autrez bonez & loialx subiectz, Prendre vois voilez le pluis p*rest* qe bonement fair le purres en nous eidant a cest foitz p*ar* voie dapprestre dun somme not-able, & icelle auourey,[1] de qui vous vous confies enueier & delyu*erer* a n*ostr*e Tresorer dengleter a Loundrez p*ar*entre cy & le fest de Paschqe p*ro*-cheine venaunt; lui quel n*ostr*e t*r*e-sorer p*ar* autorite de n*ostr*e dit p*ar*-lement vous ferra tiell & sufficiaunt suertie de Repayment de le dit somme qe de reason vous en s*er*rez contens. & cest chose p*ren*dre voilez t*resp*res a coer saunz nous en failer en cest n*ostr*e graund necessite, come vous desires lonneur et b*ien* de nous & la finall solucion ?[saluacion] de nous Realmez: En adioustant mein-tenains foy et c*r*edens a nous ditz co*m*missarez & a ch*a*cun de eux, en ce quels vous exposeront ou aucum de eux vous exposera en cest matier de par nous. Don*e* sus n*ostr*e priue seale a Westm[oustre], le primo*ur* Jour de Mars.

Visuqu*e*[2] (*sic*) l*itte*ra p*redict*a & intellect*a*, Tho. Paynell, m., ball*ivi* & co*mmunit*as concesseru*n*t p*re*stare d*omi*no R*egi* centum libras, ut p*atet*

[1] Word uncertain. *v.* Gloss.
[2] Error for visaque.

and the money was delivered to W. Hungerford, the treasurer, by L. Cooke, who had £3 for his expenses.]

foliis precedent*ibus*[1]; & post*ea* predicte cent*um* libre deliber*ate* fuer*unt* Walt*ero* Hung*erforde*, Thes*aurario* dom*ini* Reg*is*, per manu*s* Laur*encii* Cooke; & iidem (*sic*) Laur*encius* hab*uit* pro suo costag*io* inde ad tunc facto iij li. Summa iij li.

[[2]The following lent £100 to the king, Mar. 15.]

Mar. 15, 1430.
48 names.

Gosforde-[strete].

	£	s.	d.
Laur. Cooke	1	6	8
Tho. Wildegrise	1	6	0
Joh. Breten		13	4
Joh. Stille		6	8
Nic. Heywood		3	4
Tho. Smyth		3	0
Joh. Straunge		1	8
Bened. Marshall		6	8
Will. Mason		1	0[3]
Joh. Stretton		6	8
Tho. Mason		5	0
And. Evesham		6	8
Rob. Wildegrise		3	4
Ric. Somur		4	0
Joh. Manton		1	8
Ric. Cook*es*		2	0
*Christ*ian Golofre		5	0
Sim. Deyster		5	0
Joh. Euesham		6	0
Will. Abram .		1	8
Rob. Kyng		3	4
Wal. Bond		1	8
Rob. Thomas		3	4
Joh. Melton		1	8
Joh. Baker		6	8
Ric. Skott		6	8
Joh. Langton		1	8
Joh. Braban		6	8
Joh. Wright		1	8
*Christ*ian Crosse		5	0
Will. Ing		2	0
Will. Cocke		3	4
Will. Rothewell		1	8
Tho. Stoone		4	0
Joh. Stafford		10	0
Ric. Molle		1	8
Hugo Spenc*er*		1	8
Joh. Sheldon		6	8
Ad. Baxster		10	0
Will. Bagett		3	4
Rob. Danyell		1	8
Tho. Weue [?Weuer]		1	8
Joh. Castell		3	0
Ric. Beller		1	8
Hen. Cotoner		3	4
Hen. Skyll		5	0
Tho. Dawe		6	8
Joh. Breuster de Priorat*u*		1	8
Summa £12 3*s.* 8*d.*			

57 names.

Jurden-well.

	£	s.	d.
Ric. Hampton		4	0
Joh. Cressy		5	0
Joh. Shade		5	0
Joh. Symiond		4	0
Joh. Sutton		4	0
Rob. Grene		3	4
Tho. Illage		3	4
Will. Gale		2	6
Joh. ffreman		1	8
Ric. Rocheford		2	0
Joh. Croke		5	0
Ric. Mildenall		3	0
Hugo Cowp*er*		1	8
Will. Deist*er*		6	8
Joh. Abram		6	8
Will. Wright		2	0
Tho. Maideford		5	0
Joh. Plumer			10
Joh. Lacy		1	8
Joh. P*ar*kyn		2	0
Truston[4]		2	0
Tho. Dykons		4	0
Ric. Adam		1	8
Joh. Gamill		1	8
Will. Coope		7	0
Nic. Gore		6	8
Tho. Gamill		2	0
Will. Bett		4	0
Joh. Heywoode		1	8
Tho. Thruston[4]		4	0
Joh. Ashewell		7	0
Joh. Wilde		4	0
Ric. Plumer		4	0
Will. Eue		2	0
Wal. Eton			10
Joh. Egull		1	8
Joh. Maidford		2	0
Joh. Franklen		5	0
Joh. Woode		1	8
Will. Shurley		5	0
Rob. Clerke		3	4
Rob. Baxster		1	8
*Marg*eria Godfray		1	8
Joh. Lee		6	8
Tho. Grome		2	0
Joh. Rocheford		6	8
Joh. Hawkyns		2	6
Joh. Wyllnale		1	8
Joh. Whalley		7	6
Will. Harborugh		2	6
Joh. Cart*er*		7	0
Joh. Bryan		6	8
Joh. Prentes		10	0
Joh. Dilcocke		7	6
Tho. Elderbek		3	4
Rob. Defford		4	0
Joh. Freman		2	6
Summa £10 14*s.* 4*d.*			

[1] See the list of names that follows. [2] leaf 52, back. [3] or 1*s.* 8*d.*
[4] *v.* p. 87, Thrustanus Walker.

44 names.

Much-*par*ke-strett.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Will. Bryde		5	0
Ed. Sharman		1	8
Tho. T*ur*nor		1	8
Ric. Dene		6	8
Will. Grene		1	8
Joh. Ray		1	8
Joh. Follipoot		3	4
Joh. Clerke		13	4
Hen. Peitoo	1	3	4
V*xor* Freman		1	8
Tho. Walsall, we*uer*		1	8
Joh. Leder	1	3	4
Will. Bifelde		16	8
Joh. North[a]mpton		1	8
Hen. Hobbys		3	4
Rob. Hendman		1	8
Joh. Attwell		1	8
Joh. Le, smythe		4	0
Tho. Crose		6	8
Ric. Smythe		1	8
Joh. Darby		3	4
Tho. Warmynton		4	0
Will. Libard		2	0
Ric. Staffordshire		2	0
Wal. Neuton		2	0
Tho. Yorke, peynt*er*		3	4
[1]Will. Charlton		3	4
Joh. Cale[2]		1	8
Will. Cleibrooke		3	4
Will. Heys		3	0
Nic. Gryve		5	0
Will. Glasier		2	0
Ric. Hobbes		1	8
Joh. Braytoft		13	4
Will. Cortnale		3	4
Will. Osburn		1	8
Tho. Tyler		1	8
Johanna Cotone*r*		6	8
Ric. Knightley		2	0
Rog. Shipston		1	8
Gossnore, passynger		3	4
Hen. Bug		2	0
Will. Southam		5	0
Will. Warde		1	8
Summa £10 10*s.* 0*d.*			

66 names.

Erle-street.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Tho. Swane		3	4
Will. Waren		2	6
Joh. Holy		1	8
Joh. Wilowby		1	8
Ric. Bifeld		1	8
Joh. Warrant		5	0
Nic. Grene		1	8
Ad. Suett		4	0
Will. Frysbye		5	0
Joh. Moore		1	8
Will. Dawe		2	6
Ric. Sharp		10	0
Ric. Boys		2	6
Will. Swan		6	8
Rob. Thed		3	4
Will. Repynton		6	8
Rad. Duffeld		3	4
Will. Perte		1	8
Ric. Gamill		2	0
Will. Dey		1	8
Johanna Northwoode		6	8
Joh. Northwoode		10	0
Will. Crose		1	8
Joh. Chacombe		1	8
Ed. Brogreve		1	8
Joh. Eu*erdon*		8	0
Joh. Burton		10	0
Tho. Suettenham		1	8
Rog. Welles		1	8
Joh. Jones		1	8
Will. Donnyngton		1	8
Will. Belg*raue*		3	4
Joh. Launde		6	8
Gal. Willnale		1	8
Tho. Spens*er*		1	8
Joh. Garton		3	4
Nic. Palm*er*		3	0
Johanna Hosier		2	0
Rad. Garton		13	4
Joh. Norm*an*ton		5	0
Joh. Michell		10	0
Joh. Shotteswell		1	8
Joh. Pyncherd		1	8
Joh. Neuby		3	4
Hugo Coruis*er*		1	8
Tho. Slenne[3]		3	4
Joh. Radeley		1	8
Joh. Chaundeler		4	0
Joh. Revell		1	8
Joh. Malory		3	4
Will. Stocke		1	8
Johanna Goote		10	0
Johanna Vndurwod		3	0
Tho. Reyu*er*[4]		5	0
Will. Corby		1	8
Wal. Asheby		3	4
Will. Broun		5	0
Will. Donyngton		1	8
Joh. Hardborugh		2	0
Tho. Cardemaker		2	0
Joh. Alen		3	4
Ric. Rasche		1	8
Ric. Ryvell		1	8
Juliana Spycer		1	8
Tho. Bayly		1	8
Dav. Wryght		1	8
Summa £11 19*s.* 0*d.*			

49 names.

Bayly-lane.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Joh. M*ar*ston		4	0
Sim. Vpton		1	8
Joh. Harborgh		3	0
Joh. Sircocke		4	0
Joh. Whitley		3	0
Hen. Watford		3	0
Rob. Herdwyk		3	0
Joh. Bordall		3	4
Joh. Vpton		1	8
Ric. Dyvett		4	0
Joh. Skill		1	8
Joh. Malory		1	8
Hen. Bate		3	4
Joh. Crosbye		1	8
Joh. Benett		5	0
Joh. Sperpoynt		1	8
Joh. Plumer		4	0
Joh. Spenc*er*		5	0
Rad. Cotone*r*		1	8
Joh. Wall		3	4
Tho. Peute*r*ere		4	0
Joh. Bechamp		2	0
Will. Broke		5	0
Joh. Ronton		6	8

[1] leaf 53. [2] *Sic.* Read Gale. [3] *Sic.* Read Glenne. [4] ? Reyner.

Bayly-lane.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Hull		4	0
Joh. Suetton		1	8
Joh. Mulner		1	8
Joh. Joyner		1	8
Joh. Wiche		1	8
Joh. Power		1	8
Ric Deister		1	8
Joh. Chambur		1	8
Joh. Frankelen		5	0
Will. Yate		4	0
Tho. Loke		2	0
Joh. Burbage		1	8
Joh. Gryme		3	4
Joh. Bayly		1	8
Rob. Gloucestur		1	8
Joh. Oderyche		1	8
Will. Clerke		3	4
Pat. Kay		4	0
[1]Tho. Thorp		3	4
Joh. Crosse		4	0
Hen. Birde		4	0
Nic. Russell		2	6
Joh. Gilberd		2	0
Ric. Braytofte		5	0
Tho. Wirley		5	0
Summa £7 7*s.* 0*d.*			

35 names.

Brode-yate.

	£	s.	d.
Rob. Melton		1	8
Joh. Locoke		1	8
Rog. Cooke		3	0
Joh. Capper, cuteler		1	8
Will. Daubney		1	8
Will. Marshall		1	8
Will. Spencer		1	8
Will. Flekney		3	0
Joh. Barnard		2	0
Joh. Yong		1	8
Hen. Sircock		10	0
Wal. Paslowe		1	8
Ric. Busshebury		10	0
Joh. Pers, hosier		1	8
Ric. Freman, walker,		6	8
Tho. Sorche, cooke		1	8
Ric. Morell		1	8
Will. Prentes		3	4
Joh. George		1	8
Joh. Archer		1	8
Joh. Cardemaker		1	8
Egid. Allesley		6	8
Will. Shether		1	8
Joh. Darby		3	0
Tho. Bedford		1	8
Joh. Baker		1	8
Joh. Fisher		1	8
Rob. Praty		2	0
Ric. Couper		2	0
Tho Lyons		1	8
Joh. Colyns		1	8
Joh. Chaturton		1	8
Will. Draper		1	8
Tho. Draper		6	8
Rog. Walles		2	0
Summa £4 18*s.* 0*d.*			

36 names.

Smytheford[-strett].

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Maynard		3	0
Dav. Burton		3	0
Ric. Hikelyng		3	0
Tho. Hosyer		3	0
Tho. Whitside		3	4
Joh. Yate		2	0
Will. Peuterere		5	0
Joh. Tate, mercer		3	0
Tho. Carbonell		2	0
Joh. Bristow	1	6	8
Joh. Lynne		3	4
Joh. Bere		2	0
Tho. Broun		3	4
Magote Chaloner		1	8
Rog. Osteler		3	0
Joh. Blakeman		5	0
Joh. Oneley		10	0
Tho. Joy		1	8
Ric. Osburn		3	4
Joh. Kyngston		3	4
Joh. Owtrede		2	0
Joh. Egynton		5	0
Ad. Diere		4	0
Wall. Norfolke		3	4
Will. Happefford		3	4
Tho. Baxter		1	8
Will. Bredon		1	8
Joh. Braunston, jun.		2	0
Joh. Braunston, sen.		13	4
Will. Sloley[2]		3	4
Ric. Wymondeswold		3	4
Will. Jones, weuer		3	0
Joh. Bowyer		1	8
Tho. Ive		6	8
Joh. Forest, taylour		1	8
Joh. Russheton, hosier		3	4
Summa £8 8*s.* 0*d.*[3]			

78 names.

Spon-strett.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Mersche		3	4
Joh. Hastlyffe		4	6
Joh. Watford		2	0
Joh. Essex		8	0
Tho. Pratt		1	8
Ric. Shurstooke		3	0
Joh. Sircetur		2	0
Ric. Waren		1	8
Joh. Gurdelford		1	0
Will. Pratte		6	8
Joh. Bett		1	0
Joh. Menley		6	8
Nic. Barro		1	0
Joh. Lott		4	0
Joh. Warde		5	0
Joh. Stanley		1	6
Joh. Brere		2	0
Joh. Broun, draper		6	8
Joh. Brett		3	0
Joh. Sewen		3	4
Joh. Honyburne		3	0

[1] leaf 53, back. [2] In Warwickshire, near Arley.

[3] Really £7 10*s.* 0*d.* Here, as in many other places, it is impossible to reconcile the total with the various items.

Spon-strett.

	£	s.	d.
Hugo Rogeley		5	0
Egid. Corbrond		5	0
Tho. Tokebye		5	0
Rad. Ookes		1	4
Joh. Robard*es*		5	0
Rog. Maltby		1	4
Joh. Moole, coruyser		6	0
Will. Kerver		11	6
Joh. Deister		11	6
Will. Broun, wev*er*		2	4
Joh. Chestur		3	6
Emma Marnam		4	0
Reginald Whitacre		1	4
Joh. Eire, weu*er*		2	8
Sim. Busteler		2	0
Ric. Welford		6	0
Joh. Wellyngton		5	0
Joh. Burbage		2	0
Hen. Holt		6	0
Hen. Mason		2	4
Will. Stockton		1	8
Joh. Harries		4	0
[1]Joh. Hoges		1	8
Tho. Divett		1	4
Tho. Lenton		2	0
Joh. Baxster		1	8
Will. Wellys		3	4
Joh. Perett		1	4
Joh. Thornton		1	0
Rog. Balle		3	4
Wal. Bulker		2	4
Hugo Steyne		3	4
Ric. Baxster		1	4
Marger*ia* Ridale		2	0
Rob. Myles		1	0
Tho. Smythe		1	0
Tho. Straunge		1	0
Joh. Plasterer		5	0
Joh. Clyston		3	0
Mat. Withe		6	8
Ric. Capper		3	4
Rob. Grynder		1	0
Joh. Passynger		2	0
Joh. George		1	0
Laur. Deister		1	0
Rob. Baxster		3	4
Joh. Balle		2	4
Nic. Hull		1	0
Hugo Barbour		2	0
Vx*or* Tho. Goldsmythe		1	8
Tho. Samson		1	4
Will. Hardwike		1	8
Joh. Waren		1	6
Ric. Walford		4	0
Joh. Westley		1	0
Isabell Walker		1	0
Rob. Boteler		1	0
Summa £11 19*s.* 0*d.*			

94 names.

Crose-chepyng.

	£	s.	d.
Rob. Flecher		2	6
Hen. Taun*er*er		1	8
Joh. Warde		2	6
Joh. Multon		2	0
Tho. Tate cum socio suo		1	8
Rob. Mylburne		8	4
Rob. Grubber		5	0
Joh. Huntley		3	4
Ric. Pulter		1	8
Joh. Fraiter		1	8
Ric. Boton*er*		6	8
Joh. Doughty		5	0
Hen. Banbury		2	6
Joh. Hewer		2	0
Joh. Nele		4	0
Mar*g*aret Breux		6	8
Gal. Drap*er*		1	8
Ric. Harbourgh		2	6
Ric. Lane		2	0
Will. Radclyffe		5	0
Will. Hend		2	0
Rad. Chaundler		5	0
Joh. Pa*r*ker		2	6
Joh. Frythe		3	4
Joh. Bryhtmer		3	3
Nic. Smythe		3	4
Will. Adderton		1	8
Joh. Appulby		3	4
Rob. Slye		1	8
Rog. Mulner		1	8
Ric. Joy		16	8
Hen. Adderton		1	8
Joh. Holland		1	8
Will. Humburston		1	0
Will. Marten		4	0
Joh. Gobett		1	8
Ric. Penson		2	6
Tho. Norwiche		2	6
Will. Bromwiche		1	4
Joh. Eborall		2	0
Joh. Nele, coruys*er*		1	0
Ric. Bryd		1	0
Johanna Gascoyne		5	0
Joh. Yong		1	0
Rob. Stookton		1	8
Tho. Chakeman		1	0
Joh. Bryde		4	0
Ric. Pey*n*t*our*		2	6
Tho. Goldsmyth		2	0
Joh. Huett, mason		2	6
Moric. Bocher		4	6
Tho. Bassyngburne		3	4
Will. Potager		4	0
Ric. Brystocke		1	8
Tho. White		2	6
Rad. Bocher		2	6
Hen. Randull		5	0
Ric. Wooner		3	0
Gal. Woolpayn*er*		1	8
Elyzabeth Lirpole		2	0
Joh. Newport		2	0
Joh. Hall		4	6
Tho. Lylynton		4	6
Will. Deyster		3	4
Joh. Northampton		2	0
Rob. Burman		4	0
ffratres Joh. White		1	8
Ric. Imayne		1	0
Hen. Cooke		2	6
Joh. Boise		3	4
Sim. Payne		1	8
Will. Bedon		1	8
Mat. Alerton		1	8
Isabella Huyton		16	8
Tho. Rastell		3	4
Tho. Swayn		2	6
Joh. Style, deister		5	0
Will. Pere, deister		3	4
Hen. Euerdon		1	8
Will. Meke		1	8
Will. Newporte		3	0
Will. Stoneley[2]		2	6
Will. Huett		4	0
Tho. Waren		2	6
Joh. Colyn, barb*our*		2	0
Will. Dilcocke		16	8
Will. Barbour		1	0
Will. Benett		3	4
Will. Darsett		5	0
Will. Hull, dubber[3]		2	0
Joh. Weston		1	8
Will. Dey		5	0
Will. Byneley		2	6
Joh. Bandy, barbour		4	0
Summa £15 4*s.* 6*d.*			

[1] leaf 54. [2] leaf 54, back. [3] dubber = one who furbishes up old clothes.

71 names.

Byshop-strette.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Rob. Gomery		2	0
Ric. Biston		1	8
Rob. Bandy		1	8
Joh. Grene		3	4
Tho. Carde		2	0
Will. Withiforde		3	4
Joh. Coston		1	8
Joh. Kebull		3	4
Nic. Wiredrawer		1	8
Will. Thornton[1]		5	0
Tho. Sulby		1	8
Joh. Gold		3	4
Item *pro* Garett		1	8
Joh. Welford		6	8
Will. Warr[ewyk]		1	8
Sim. Pynne		1	8
Joh. Walgraue		3	4
Gervasius Coole		1	8
Ric. Marshe		1	8
Joh. Lysturley		5	0
Hen Knott		3	4
Will. Staunton		3	8
Ric. Southam	1	8	4
Will. Listurley		2	0
Joh. Grynder		3	4
Joh. Folvyle		2	0
Joh. Raignold		1	8
Will. Kemp		3	4
Joh. Barbour		1	8
Moric. Steynour		1	8
Joh. Atwoode		1	8
Hen. Walker		3	4
Joh. Stafford, myluer		3	4
Rog. Tailour		3	4
Edm. Drouer		5	0
Tho. Broun		1	8
Tho. Wodcok		1	8
Tho. Cleybroke		1	8
Hugo Cartwryght		1	8
Will. Savage		1	8
Will. Horsley		1	8
Will. Wilkyns		6	8
Will. Aubem		1	8
Hen. Hethe		3	4
Will. Dyvett		2	0
Joh. Augur		3	4
Joh. Lychfeld		10	0
Will. Alys		1	8
Wal. Tryg		3	4
Ric. Thomason		1	8
Tho. Carter		3	4
Rob. Weston		3	4
Will. Couper		2	0
Sim. Moore		2	0
Rog. Lessyngham		3	4
Will. Feld		1	8
Tho. Walgraue		2	0
Will. Wymondeswold		6	8
Ric. Chetestur		3	4
Will. Crudworth		13	4
Joh. Boteler		1	8
Ric. Philleps		3	4
Joh. Gilberd		5	0
Will. Allesley		1	8
Ric. Speycer		1	8
Will. Neuton		3	4
Hugo Shaw		3	4
Will. Cutt		1	8
Will. Bate		1	8
Ric. Clerke		1	8
Will. Humburston		1	0
Summa £11 17*s.* 4*d.*			

Summa totalis Cv li. the wich C li. is paid as hit apperith the ij^{cond} leff folowyng, and v li. is paid, that is to witt, iij li. to Laur. Cooke for his beryng the C li. to London, and xl s. to the collectours of the shire in money and in Costes. Of the wich costes the messyngere þat brought a commission to þe maiour for to retain C li. of the collectors had vj s. viij d. £105. L. Cook has £3 0*s.* 0*d.* Collectors £2 0*s.* 0*d.*

[2]And aftur þat the sayd our soueraign lorde in the said moneth of Aprill with othur lordes spirituall and temporall, þat is to say, the wurthy Cardynall, then bischop of Wynchestur,[3] the bischop of Bathe,[4] the bischop of Ely,[5] and the bischop of Rouchestur,[6] lordes spirituall; The duke of Yorke, the duke of Northfolke,[7] the Erle of War[ewyke], the Erle of Stafford,[8] the Erle of Huntyngdon,[9] the Erle of Arundell, the Erle of Oxenford,[10] the April 23. The king with the lords spiritual and temporal, bishops, dukes and earls,

[1] Possibly the painter of the stained-glass window at S. Mary's hall, and great window at York.
[2] leaf 55. [3] Cardinal Beaufort. [4] John Stafford.
[5] Phillip Morgan. [6] John Langdon. [7] John Mowbray.
[8] Humphrey Stafford, created Duke of Buckingham, 1444.
[9] John Holland. [10] John de Vere.

barons and bachelors, took water at Dover, and came to Rouen.

Erle of Devonschire,[1] the Erle of Vrmonde,[2] *with* other reuerent barons and bachelers, the Summe of the retynew is. . . . .[3] And they toke þe watur at Douer, and Ryveden thorugh Goddes grace at Calys, and so comen to the Cite of Roan by the lond of Pykardy.

[4]EASTER LEET.

"Couentre." April 22.

¶ [V. f. p. held before Tho. Paynell, m., Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, b., on Saturday in Easter week 8 Hen. VI.]

Jury.

Joh. Bristowe, Will. Dilcok, Laur. Coke, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wyldegryse, Joh. Braftoft, (*sic*) Ric. Joy, Joh. Leder, Joh. Parker, draper, Joh. Bowyere, Joh. Michell, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Everdon, Rob. Melburn, Will. Kerver, Joh. Deister, Will. ffrysby, Ric. Dene, Joh. Onley, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Doughty, Will. Swanne, Joh. Launde.

The ditch.

Item, they orden that 3euerymen fey the towne dyke there as they haue ffyld hyt, or eny ffylth caste into hit, be-twene this and myssomer, yeuer-y-man [or 100 s. to the town-wall, to be raised by the chamberlains].

The gaoler and the prisoners' beds.

Item, they orden that John Stoke take but a peny ffor his owne bede, there as ij men lyne there-in or iij, and that he take no money ffor no bedde there as it is 3eue on almes so to ley almes in,[5] and that 3euer-y-man that is prisener brynge in his bedde at his lyste, and take it a-wey when he woll, vp-on the peyn of fforfet off his office.

The town-clerk's chamber.

Item, they orden that the Toownclerke shall paye ffor the Chambur that he occupiethe yerly vj s. viij d. to the Trinite yeld.

The river.

[The mayor to search the river as is ordered in other leets; penalties contained ("contened") in previous orders.]

"Millers" must grind a strike for 1*d.*

Every miller taking toll

They orden that euery-man pay ffor a stryke of whette or Rye gryndyng j d., and 3eue ony mylner take ony corne or tolle ffor eny gryndyng, that 3eue hit be preued, that he make a-mendes and restitucion to the parti; and allso that they shuld paye at 3euery defaute to the meir xx d., and

[1] Tho. Courtenay. [2] Jas. Butler. [3] Blank in MS.
[4] leaf 59. Scribe C. A difficult scribe.
[5] ? to keep the bed only for those too poor to pay.

to the bayles other xx d., wethe-oute grace. And that they be swore ȝeue*ry* ȝere twye to be trewe; and whoso woll not be reweled be this ordynance that he pay as he was wonte to do off old tyme, and the mulners to be atte the large as a-ȝenes him, and not boundon to the peyne as hit ys boue seyde as a-ȝenns hem that woll not be rewled be the ordinaunce.

to pay 1*s.* 8*d.* both to the mayor and to the bailiffs; and other customers, who will not obey this rule, to pay as they were wont, and the millers to be free from penalty.

THE WIREDRAWERS AND THE CANOPY.

[1] Hit is to to haue in mynde, þ*at* hit is ordenyd that the Crafte of the wiredrawers shall kepe the Canape ou*er* the hiȝe aut*ur* in saynt Mich*el* in Couen*tre*, as hit appearith by indent*ur* made, the w*ich* teno*ur* folowithe in thies Wordes:—

Sept. 1, 1430.

This indent*ur* witnessithe that the furst day of September the yer of the raign of kyng Henr*e* the sixte aft*ur* the conquest the IX^th^, John Sheldon, Tho. Eldbek, Hen. Coton & Rob. Burges, wardeins of the wiredrawers of the Cite of Couen*tre*, w*ith* Joh. Stafford, Joh. Rocheford, Joh. Blakman, Joh. Benett, Will. Deist*er*, Will. Claybroke, Nich. Jones, Joh. Straunge & Tho. Stafford w*ith* o þ*er* whurthy men of the same Crafte in the name of all the p*er*sones of the Crafte, hauyng hur deuoc*i*on to allmyghty God & to the blessid Sac*r*ament, the w*ich* is all C*r*isten mennys beleve, consideryng a devout thyng callyd the new Canape ou*er* the awt*ur* in the churche of saynt Michaels of the said Cite in the w*ich* the blessid Sac*ra*ment is wurthely at this tyme kepte, the w*ich* kepyng must haue cost & repa*r*ac*i*on, cam before Tho. Paynell, then maio*ur* of the said Cite, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildgryse, Joh. Braitofte, Gyles Allesley, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Legburne, Chaplen, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Eu*er*don, Joh. Prentes, Will. Swan, Joh. Franklen, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Godesley & o þ*er* moo in saynt Mary halle, p*r*ayng & desiryng of deuoc*i*on þ*at* thei haue to þe said sac*r*ament, & wurship to þe said Cite, to haue the kepyng and the gouernance of the forsaid Canape & all thynge*s* longyng þ*er*to. The w*ich* the said maio*ur* & o þ*er* wurthy men þ*er* beyng

"The compani*e* of wiredrawers,"

out of devotion to the blessed Sacrament,

come before the mayor and others,

and request to be allowed to keep in repair the canopy over the high altar in S. Michael's;

[1] leaf 56, back. Scribe A.

which request is granted;

and the matter entered in the Mayor's Register.

with hym consideryng hur desire & hooly deuocion grauntyth them hur peticion, thankyng hem of hur desire and good will. And at request of the wardens & oþer men of the said Crafte this indentur is registred in a boke callyd the meyres Regestur in saynt Mary hall beforesaid for perpetual remembraunce þerof to be had in tyme comyng. And this said indentur abydithe in Tho. Peynell bag in saynt Mary hall.

"Couentre." Oct. 4.

[1][V. f. p. held on Wednesday after Michaelmas 9 Hen. VI], Joh. Brystowe, Will. Dilcok, Joh. Leder, Hen. Peyto, Joh. Braytoft, Ric. Joy, Egid. Allesley, Ric. Sharp, Rad. Garton, Joh. Parker, draper, Joh. Bower, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Michell, Will. Byfeld, Will. Crudworth, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Breton, Joh. Deyster, Will. Swanne, Hen. Syrcok, Joh. Onley, Joh. Launde, Joh. Stille.

Bailiffs.

[Joh. Ronton, Ric. Busshebury.]

Orders of leet.

[Constables, who shall be chosen by the mayor and bailiffs, shall be of the more honest & discreet sort, according to the discretion and advice of the mayor & bailiffs for the time being.]

[The mayor to summon a hall of Forty-eight persons to inquire into the sheriff's interruption of the city's liberties, and how the cost of prosecuting the sheriff is to be borne, with all haste.]

Item, ordinarunt quod maior faciat vnam aulam de xlviij personis ad videndum pro interripcione (*sic*) libertatum ville de Couentre per vicecomitem facta & interipta (*sic*), & quomodo Costagium inde erit portatum ad prosequendum versus vicecomitem predictum Cum omni festinacione. Also atte the same tyme that they orden be the meirs avise ffor the balans and whutes (*sic*) after the fforme of the Statuta (*sic*).

[Balance and weights.]

A FIFTEENTH.

Michaelmas 1430.

[2][Collectors of the second fifteenth, conceded in Michaelmas term, 9 Hen. VI.

Gosford Street. Will. Bagett, Hen. Weston, Bened. Marchall, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Baker, deister. £5 16s. 0d.

[1] leaf 59, back. Scribe C. [2] leaf 57. Scribe A.

Jorden Well. Joh. Cressy, Joh. ffreman, Joh. Lee, Rob. Defford. £5 0s. 0d.

Muchpark Street. Will. Birde, Tho. Warmynton, Will. Charlton, Joh. Le, smythe. £5 0s. 0d.

Bailly Lane. Joh. Harbourgh, Joh. Marston, Joh. Spencer, Tho. Peuterer. £3 10s. 0d.

Earl Street. Ad. Swett, Tho. Ryver, Will. Belgraue, Nic. Palmer. £5 13s. 8d.

Broadgate. Tho. Draper, Rog. Walles, Rog. Cookes, Rob. Praty. £2 6s. 8d.

Smithford Street. Joh. Tate, Joh. Blakman, Ad. Dier, Tho. Broun, weuer. £4 0s. 0d.

Spon Street. Ric. Wallford, Joh. Moole, Mat. White, Joh. Sissetur, Wal. Prate. £5 13s. 8d.

Cross Cheaping. Will. Darsett, Joh. Hall, Ric. Chapman, Will. Bromwiche. £7 5s. 0d.

Bishop Street. Will. Wymondeswolde, Joh. Grynder, Hen. Knott, Ric. ffillypes. £5 13s. 0d. Sum of the second fifteenth. £50 0s. 0d.[1]]

The mayor receives £100 from the collectors of the fifteenth;

And aftur þat the said Tho. Paynell, meir, be comyssion to hym direct for to receive C li. of the collectours of the shyre of the second xv^te^ to make payment of the C li. þat was lant to *our* [2]*soueren* lord the xv^ten^ day of *Marche* the viij^th^ yer of the kyng þat nowe is, as hit appearith the v leffe *precedent*,[3] the said maiour by vertu of the said com*m*ission the said C li. receyvyd, þat is to say, 1 li. of the Collectours of the Shire, and 1 li. of the Collectours of th*is* Cite, and mad repayment to hem that lant the said C li. And the copy of the said comyssion abydithe in the maiours bag, Thom*as* Paynell; and the same com*m*yssion abidith in the said bag allso.

and with it repays the king's loan.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

"Mayor to have oversight of sealing weights."

Hit is to haue in mynd, for-also-moche as hit is ordenyd þat ther shuld be but one Weyght & one mesure thorout this Realme, the said maiour sent to London for to haue the weightes acordyng to the weightes of thexechecour and thens brought xiiij li., vij li., ij li., j li.,

[1] Really £49 18*s.* 0*d.* [2] leaf 57, back. [3] *v.* p. 129.

in brass. And aftur that the said meire lett make an
Dec. 10. hall, the x day of December last past, to haue knowlege who shuld haue the said weightes in his kepyng, the ouersight of the weyng, and the sealyng of weightes þat
A hall of worthy men decide the matter. ben to seale. And by the whurthy men, whos namys folowen, was ordenyd þat the maiour shuld comen with the Recorder Donyngton & othur lernyd men, and as thei set rule so to be holden in tyme comyng; wherupon the said maiour, the Recorder Donyngton, & othur lered men commenyd to-gethur of this mattur, and sett rule þat the said meire shuld haue the kepyng, ouersight of the weyng, and the sealyng of weightes þat byn for to seale.

The worthy men; 54 names. Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildgrise, Hen. Peitoo, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Braitofte, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Euerdon, Ric. Dene, Joh. Michell, Tho. Suettenham, Joh. Walley, Will. Swan, Hen. Sircoke, Will. Birde, Tho. Reyuer,[1] Joh. Clerke, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Warrant, Will. Frissby, Rad. Garton, Will. Belgraue, Joh. Ronton, Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Busshebury, Egid. Allesley, Joh. Bristow,[2] Joh. Egeston, Joh. Beachamp, Joh. Tate, Will. Crosse, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Blakeman, Will. Keruer, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Deister, Mat. White, Rob. Melburne, [3]Ric. Bootoner, Joh. Wylowby, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Style, deister, Will. Dilcoke, Ric. Joy, Rob. Southam, Joh. Walgraue, Will. Wymynswold, Joh. Lysturley, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Lee, hosier, Joh. Catur, Tho. Elderkeke,[4] jun.

ACCOUNTS AND TOWN BUSINESS.

[Warden's accounts for 1428.

[Charge £90 0*s.* 9½*d.*

[Allowances for expenses

[5]Memorandum quod Will. Frisbye et Joh. Doughty, Custodes camere (etc.) computauerunt coram Thoma Paynell, maiore, de tempore Johannis Bristowe, et Onerantur cum $\overset{xx}{iiii}$ x li. ix d. ob.

Vnde petunt allocari *pro certis*

[1] ? Reyner. [2] "weuer" deleted follows. [3] leaf 58.
[4] ? Elderbeke. [5] leaf 55, back.

and remissions £91 18*s.* 6*d.*

And thus they are in advance £1 13*s.* 8½*d.* But of this £91 18*s.* 6*d.*

there is owing 18*s.* 0*d.*
£8 5*s.* 0*d.*
1*s.* 6*d.*
£7 0*s.* 0*d.*
Total £16 4*s.* 6*d.*

Which (sum of) £15 18*s.* 6*d.* cannot be levied for divers causes. Therefore it is respited until next account.

Paper in mayor's bag.

[Accounts for 1429.

[Charged with the foot of last account £15 18*s.* 6*d.*, and with £67 6*s.* 2*d.* Total £83 4*s.* 8*d.*

[Allowances £63 8*s.* 1*d.*
[Balance £18 16*s.* 8*d.*

[Owe £16 4*s.* 6*d.* by reason of its being respited as appears above.

[Chamberlains' accounts 1430.

[Charge £86 9*s.* 3*d.*; expensis, vacacionibus & perdonis xx iiij xi li. xviij s. vj d.

Et sic presunt xxxiij s. viij d. ob.

Sed memorandum quod de predictis xx iiij xi li. xviij s. vj d.

Will. Darset debet xviij s.
Will. Kersley debet viij li. v s.
Joh. Pisfort debet xviij d.
Johanna Goote debet vij li.
Summa xvi li. iiij s. vj d.

Quam (*sic*) quidem (?) xv li. xviij s. vj d. non possunt adhuc leuari pro diuersis causis. Ideo ponitur in respectu vsque ad proximum compotum. & papirus istius Compoti remanet in baga Tho. Paynell, maioris.

Compotus Will. Frisby & Ric. Dene, custodum camere (etc.), de tempore Laur. Cooke maioris. Et onerantur de pede compoti xv li. xviij s. vj d. & onerantur cum lxvij li. vj s. ij d. Summa oneracionis xx iiii iij li. iiij s. viij d. Vnde petunt allocari pro diuersis expensis, vacacionibus & perdonis lxiij li. viij s. j d. & sic remanent in arreragiis xviij li. xvj s. viij d.[1]

Debent xvj li. iiij s. vj d. de predictis xviij li. xvi s. vij d. [que] ponitur in respectu usque proximum compotum, prout patet supra in compoto Willelmi Frysby & Johannis Doughty. & papirus istius compoti remanet in baga Thome Paynell, maioris.

[2][Will. Swane and Hen. Sircoke are charged with £86. 9s. 3d. They ask allowance for divers expenses,

[1] £19 16*s.* 7*d.*
[2] leaf 56.

penses £90 5*s.* 4½*d.*; deficit £3 16*s.* 1½*d.*

[In this mayor's and these chamberlains' time 14½ perches of the stone wall of the city near to the friars Carmelite, and the half of a round tower were built for £77 13*s.* 4*d.*

[The prior's written receipt for £10 paid by T. Paynell, due at the Michaelmas term in the 9th year of the king, remains in the mayor's bag.]

payments, vacancies and remissions £90. 5s. 4½d. And thus they are in advance £3. 16s. 1½d. as appears by the chamberlains' record in the mayor's bag. Total £3. 16s. 1½d.][1]

Mem. q*uo*d tempo*re* Tho. Paynell, maio*ris* (etc.). Will. Swanne & Hen. Sircoke, came*rariorum*, xiiij perche & di*midium* muri lapide*i* Ciuitat*is* p*redicte* iux*ta* f*rat*res Carmelitar*um* & dimidietat*as* vni*us* turre (*sic*) rotunde ib*ide*m composite & construct*e* fueru*nt* p*ro* lxxvij li. xiij s. iiij d.

Mem. q*uo*d acquietanc*ia* p*rioris* et conventus Coventr*ie* de x li.[2] solut*is* p*er* manus Tho. Paynell maio*ris* etc. p*ro* ter*mino* S. Mich*ael*is anno nono *Regis* nunc, remane*t* in baga eiusd*em* Tho. Paynell.

THE WHITE FRIARS AND THE WALL.

"Carmelite friers liberty to make a banke against the town wall."

[3]Mem. þat accord toke betwene Tho. Paynell, meir, and bailyffes and chambu*r*leins & Co*min*ialtye of the Cite of Couentr*e* on þat one p*ar*tie, and the p*r*iour and Covent of the ffrere Carmelite*s*[4] of Couen*tre* on þat o*þer* side: That the said prio*ur* & Couent shull make w*ith*in ther Garden aft*ur*[5] the town wall a bank of Erthe Joynyng to the said wall on ther own Costes, in Lenght fro the foursquare toure there vnto þe Rounde Toure, a-foore Laur. Cooke*s* mylne on the Corner, & in height vnto the tabull[6] of the said wall Except ij fette, and repa*r*acion þe*r*off shall make, as hit appearith in endenturs þe*r*off made more playnely. The w*ich* endenturs abydon in Tho. Paynels Bag, w*ith* a obligac*i*on in the w*ich* the said prio*ur* & couent arn boundon in x li. to kep the said Couena*u*ntes.

[1] There was a complaint of the difficulty of bearing the heavy burdens for murage about this time. In 1427 the mayor and community had licence to amortize lands and rents to the yearly value of £40 for the support of the town. Corp. MSS. B. 45. [2] The annual ferm, *v. supra*, p. 2.
[3] leaf 58. [4] *v.* Dugd. 122–3. [5] after = along. [6] A string-course.

WILL. DILCOCK, MAYOR, 1431.

[1][Election of officers.] Jan. 25.

Laur. Cook, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wildegryse, Ric. Joy, Egid. Allesley, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Ronton, Ric. Busshebury, Rad. Garton, Joh. Parker, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Bowyer, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Prentes, Will. Keruer, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Onley, Joh. Stille, Tho. Crosse, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Doughty, Will. Crosse, Mat. White. Electors.

[m. Will. Dilcok; cor. Joh. Whalley; ch. Rob. Southam, Joh. Burton; W. Joh. Warrant, Rich. Dene; mace, Will. Oxton.] Officers.

EASTER LEET.

"Couentre."

[2][V. f. p. held before Will. Dilcok, m., Joh. Rontton, Ric. Busshebury, b., on Saturday in Easter week 9 Hen. VI.] Apr. 7. Jury.

Joh. Bristowe, Laur. Cook, Joh. Leder, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wildgrese, Joh. Brayftot, Tho. Paynell, Ric. Joy, Joh. Euerdon, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Michell, Rad. Garton, Joh. Bowyer, Will. Byfeld, Will. Crudworth, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Braunston, Will. Swanne, Joh. Onley, Joh. Dilcok, Joh. Doughty, Rob. Southam.

The (*sic*) ordeyne that euery man that will Cast asson[3] lawfully that he haue hit. Orders of leet. Essoins permitted.

Allso the orden that the meire haue the ouer-sight off ffrayes & debates ffor ther (*sic*) ees off the Comen[4] pepul. And ther be no Constabull made but he be off good name & god ffame, be ouer-Syght of the meir. Also that no seriant somen no mo to wake but xvj persons anyght; & that the money that they take ffor to hire men withe, that thei hire men truly & duly & take no brybe, a-pon the peyn off vj s. viij d. at euery defaut to be rered to the town wall. Constables; sergeant to summon 16 men only to "watch" every night; and to take no bribes.

PRESENT TO THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

[5]Hit is to haue in mynd that at the feste of Whitsontyd the yere of Kyng Herri the vj the ix, be avyse & May 20, 1431.

[1] leaf 60. [2] Scribe C.
[3] Bona fide reason for absence from a court of law.
[4] Written above the line. [5] leaf 60, back. Scribe of B type.

40 marks, a cup, 4 pipes of wine, 20 pikes, 12 breams, total £50.

ordenaunce of thes wurthimen foloweng, ther was gevon to the Duke of Gloucestre & to the Duchas[1] xl marc' & a Cuppe of siluer & ouergilt, iiij pype wyn, xx pykes, xij bremes; the summa of all l li.

The worthy men; sixty-three.

Will. Dilcok, meire, Joh. Bristowe, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braytoft, Ric. Joy, Egid. Allesley, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Ronton, Ric. Busshebury, Will. Byfeld, Will. Crudworth, Joh. Michell, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Sharp, Rob. Southam, Joh. Burton, Joh. Onley, Will. Kerver, Joh. Lychefeld, Joh. Deyster, Will. Wymondeswold, Mat. White, Joh. Stille, Joh. Sircoke, Joh. Tate, Tho. Wirley, Will. Derset, Will. ffrisby, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant, Ric. Dene, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Dilcok, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Blakeman, Joh. Stafford, Rog. Cookes, Joh. Garton, Joh. Stretton, Bened. Marchall, Joh. Sheldon, Joh. Merston, Rob. Praty, Will. Marchall, Joh. Lee, hosier, Joh. Normanton, Joh. Brabson, Tho. Kemp, Will. Cortenale, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Lyme, Joh. Evesham, Joh. Revell, Joh. Shadde.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

"Couentre." Oct. 4, 1431.

[2]¶ [V. f. p. held on Thursday after Michaelmas 10 Hen. VI.[3]]

Jury of 26.

Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leeder, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Braytofte, Ric. Joy, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Mychell, Will. Crudworth, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Brampton, Joh. Parker, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Botoner, Will. Byfeld, Joh. Deister, wolman, Joh. Dilcok, Will. Frissby, Joh. Oneley, Will. Wymondeswold, Rob. Southam, Joh. Burton, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Style.

Bailiffs.

[Joh. Lichefeld, Will. Keruer.]

Orders of leet.

Thei orden þat the maiour be prevy to thelecciõn of officers; and þat ther be noo mysgouernyd man officer[4];

[1] The duchess was the duke's second wife, Eleanor Cobham, afterwards indited for witchcraft. This was the year of the Lollard rising under Jack Sharp, vigorously suppressed by Gloucester. Arrests were made at Coventry. Ramsey, I. 437.

[2] Scribe A., leaf 61, back.

[3] The words "*per sacramentum*" (by oath) follow.

[4] Cf. pp. 132, 137.

and þat the bailiffes yeve þer officers ther fees as thei wer wont to doo; and þat noo officer do noo seruyce for nowght but for his wages, as thei did of olde. Bailiffs' officers.

Thei orden þat thei com as ofte tymes as þei woll in the weke, and þat þei sell nott brede to noo huckster, vpon payn of forfeture [of] the same brede; and the said huksters lese[1] at euery tyme of defaute xij d. to the vse of the meire. And þat the baxsters of the said Cite do sell bred in the same place and the same tyme, as well as thei off the contrei doo. "Bakers."

THE FIFTEENTH.

[2]Hit is to haue in mynd that thies persones foloweng wern the Collectours of xv^te^ peny in the tyme of Will. Dilcok beyng maiour.

[3][*Gosford Street.* Joh. Baker, deister, Joh. Smyth, writillmaker,[4] Tho. Mason, Coruiser, Ric. Somur, weuer.

Much Park Street. Will. Cleybroke, Nic. Gryve, Will. ffythRobert, Rob. Hendman.

Earl Street. Joh. Wylouȝby, Ad. Suette, Ric. Boys, Tho. Suettenham.

Smithford Street. Joh. Maynard, Joh. Lynne, Ric. Osburne, Tho. Carbonell.

Crosscheaping. Will. Radclyffe, Joh. Bryghtmer, Joh. Hall, Joh. Hewett.

Jorden Well. Joh. Shade, Tho. Ilage, mercer, Will. Deister, cardmaker, Tho. Elderbek.

Bayly Lane. Rob. Hardwyke, Ric. Dyvett, Joh. Atwall, Joh. Bechamp.

Broadgate. Joh. Capper, Joh. George, Will. Marchall, Rob. Saxton.

[5]*Bishop Street.* Joh. Kebull, Tho. Walgraue, Hen. Knott, Joh. Boteler.]

WILL BYFELD, MAYOR, 1432.

[6][Election of new officers.] Jan. 25.

Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Joh. Braitofte, Tho. Wildgrise, Ric. Joy, Joh. Brystowe, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Euerdon, Electors.

[1] lose, *N.E.D.* s. v. leese. [2] leaf 61.
[3] For sums collected from each ward *v.* p. 133. [4] *v.* Gloss.
[5] Curious omission of Spon Street. [6] leaf 62.

Joh. Lychefeld, Will. Keru*er*, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Bowyer, Will. Crudworth, Joh. Clarke, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botone*r*, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Dilcocke, Will. Swane, Tho. Crosse, Will. Frissby, Joh. Doughty.

Officers. [m. Will. Byfeld; cor. Joh. Walley; ch. Joh. Willowbye, Will. Darsett; w. Tho. Wirley, Joh. Lee, hosier; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. Ps. The mayor, recorder, Laur. Cooke, Will. Dilcok, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Leder.

Key-keepers. The same without the recorder.]

EASTER LEET.

June 26 or 29. [1][V. f. p. held in the time of Will. Byfeld, m., Joh. Lychefeld, Will. Keru*er*, b., on Thursday SS. Peter and Paul 10 Hen. VI.]

Jury. Laur. Cooke, Will. Dilcoke, Joh. Leeder, Hen. Peytoo, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Braytofte, Ric. Joy, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Eue*r*don, Joh. Brampston, Joh. Mychell, Joh. Clarke, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botone*r*, Ric. Bushebury, Will. Frysby, Will. Swan, Joh. Stylle, Hen. Sircoke, Joh. Warrant, Ric. Dene, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Dilcoke, Joh. Doughty.

Orders of leet. Town-ditch: those who have fouled it must cleanse it. They orden that the maio*u*r goo and ou*er*see the town dyke þ*at* hit be clansyd, and þ*at* the p*er*sons þ*at* haue caste muke or othur fylthe w*ith*in the dyke be chansyd (*sic*)[2] at þ*er* cost þ*at* haue fuld hit or cast any thyng[3] þ*er*in, Eue*r*y-man vpon the payn of xl s. betwen this and mydsome*r* to be rered to the town wall, and þ*at* þ*er* be noo more cast þ*er* from this tyme forthe, on the same payn to be reryd to the same vse.

"Murage." [Every man to be assessed ("extendid") according to his lands and movables for murage between now and Michaelmas.]

Bridges at Earl's Mill floodgates. They orden þ*at* John Rocheford & John Lee, hosier, to make the byrg*es* at the Erle myle flodyat*es* sufficyent for hors and man to passe and com ou*er* þ*at* wey w*ith*in vj dayes, [or a fine of 40 s. from each to the town wall.]

[1] leaf 63. June 29 occurred on a Sunday this year.
[2] ? charged. [3] Repeated in MS.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Sept. 9, 1432.

The morn aftur the fest of the Natiuite of our Lady the x^th^ yere of kyng Henry the vj^te^, thes wurthy men folowyng wern aduised þat all the strykes w*i*th*i*n the Cite of Couentr*e* shuld be serchid and made of one mesure & lyke, and none moore then othur, and that thei shuld be mesured aft*ur* a halffe str*i*ke, w*i*ch is made w*i*th a strype of Iron ourtheward.

Strikes to be made after one pattern, which has a strip of iron overthwart.

The Council.

Joh. Weston, Recorder, Laur. Cooke, Hen. Peitoo, Tho. Wildegrise, Ric. Joy, Joh. Braytofte, Joh. Lychefeld, Will. Donyngton, Joh. Breton.

And aft*ur* that, Will*i*am Byfeld, maio*ur*, lett do com afore hym all the strykes of this Cite, and made them of one mesure aft*ur* the forme abouesaid.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

Oct. 2.

[1][V. f. p. held on Thursday after Michaelmas, 2 Hen. VI.] Will. Dilcok, Hen. Peitoo, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braitofte, Ric. Joy, Joh. Eu*er*don, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botone*r*, Joh. Ronton, Ric. Bushebury, Rob. Southam, Joh. Willoughby, Will. Derset, Will. Frysby, Ric. Dene, Hen. Sircoke, Joh. Deiste*r*, Joh. Eiston, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Oneley, Mat. White, Joh. Bowyer.

Jury.

[Will. Swan, Joh. Warrant.]

Bailiffs.

Orders of leet.

[No bailiff to let to farm issues or fines to the sergeants-at-mace or any other, but to have and hold them as of old, under pain of £20 to the town wall.

[The receiver of the Trinity guild payments not to be empanelled[2] so long as he holds the office.

& ord*i*n*arunt* quod nulli ball*i*vi de cetero debent concede*re* nec dimittere exit*us* nec amerciamenta clauiger*ibus* nec alicui al*io* ad firma*m*, sed h*a*beant & tenea*nt* ut ab antiquo tenuer*unt*, sub pe*na* xx li*brarum* ad vsum muri ciuit*atis* p*er* maiore*m* leuand*arum*.

Item, ord*i*n*arunt* quod ipse qui est recepto*r* den*ario*r*um* Gilde S. Trinitat*is* amodo non enpanellat*ur* (*sic*), quamdiu dictum offic*ium* occupat.

[1] leaf 64, back.

[2] ? On the Leet Jury.

Sergeants to enter their own actions. Jailor to sell no ale in the prison.

Thei orden that the sergeant*es* som*on* there playnth them-selff, and non o*þer* Clerk, and *þat* the Gayler sell no ale w*ith*in the gayle, but *þat* hit be (?) fett in the town be mesu*re* ensealyd, [or 20s. to the town wall.]

A FIFTEENTH.

Martinmas. Nov. 11, 1432.

[1]Thes byn the Collectours of the fourth p*ar*te of the xv^ten^, w*h*ich was paid at Martelmass the xj year of kyng Henr*e* the vj^te^.

Collectors.

Gosford. Joh. Baker, deist*er*, Joh. Smyth, wirtil-mak*er*,[2] Tho. Mason, Coruis*er*, Joh. Stretton. [£1 9s. 0d.]

Much-park. Will. Cleybroke, Nic. Gryve, Will. fiȝt-Robert, Rob. Hendman. [£1 5s. 0d.]

Erle. Ad. Swett, Ric. Boys, Tho. Swettenham, Tho. Reyu*er*. [£1 8s. 5d.]

Smyth[*ford.*] Joh. Maynard, Joh. Lynne, Ric. Osburne, Tho. Carbonell. [£1 0s. 0d.]

Crasch[*epyng.*] Will. Rad-Clyffe, Joh. Bryghtmer, Joh. Hall, Joh. Huett. [£1 16s. 3d.]

Jurden. Joh. Schade, Tho. Illage, m*er*cer, Will. Deist*er*, cardm*ak*er, Tho. Elderbek. [£1 5s. 6d.]

Bayll[*y.*] Rob. Herdwyk, Ric. Dyvett, Joh. Bechamp, Ric. Parbroun. [17s. 6d.]

Brodeyate. Joh. Capp*er*, Joh. George, Will. M*ar*chall, Rog. Walles. [11s. 8d.]

Spon. Joh. Mershe, Joh. Essex, Joh. Sircetur, Joh. Mole. [£1 8s. 5d.]

Byschop. Joh. Kebull, Tho. Walgraue, Hen. Knott, Joh. Boteler. [£1 8s. 3d.]

THE WALL.

Joh. Clarke allows the town wall to be built on his land;

[3]Hit is to haue in mynd *þat* Joh. Clarke of Couentr*e*, m*er*chant, g*r*auntyd by his fre will *þat* the town wall shuld be made apon his lond lyeng in lenght a this halue the toure *þat* is mache-collyd[4] at the Bischop-yate, w*ith*

[1] leaf 63, back. [2] *v.* Gloss. Also rit, ritler, *E. D. D.*
[3] leaf 62, back. [4] machicolated.

fre entre & issue to the same aftur the forme as hit is now be-gon to be made. And this graunt was made in the presence of Will. Byfeld, maiour, & oþer persons folowyng:— Laur. Coke, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Braytofte, Tho. Wildgrise, Ric. Joy, Tho. Paynell, Joh. Lychefeld, Will. Keruer, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Dilcok, Will. Swan, Tho. Crosse, Will. Frisbye, Joh. Doughty, Will. Dilcoke, Hen. Peitou, Egid. Allesley, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Le, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Dene, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Wylouȝby, Joh. Mychell, Ric. Bushebury.

30 persons witness his grant.

And aftur the said graunt the said John Clerke, oþerways aduised, said þat þe seid town wall shuld nott goo that way. Wheruppon the said William Byfeld, meir, lett make an hall and callyd afore hym thes persons folowyng and the said Joh. Clerke. The which, all the mattur seyn, seld, & vndurstondon, ordenyd and grauntyd þat the said wall shuld goo and be made as hit was furst grauntyd.

But afterwards J. Clarke changes his mind;

nevertheless "a hall" of 73 townspeople insist on taking him at his first word.

Laur. Cooke, Bened. Marchall, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Dilcok, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Ashewell, Will. Deister, cardmaker, Will. Herdbourgh, Joh. Herdbourgh, Will. Byrd, Hen. Peitoo, Joh. Braytofte, Joh. Clerke, Tho. Yorke, Ric. Dene, Will. Charlton, Joh. Garton, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Willouȝby, Ad. Suett, Will. Swan, Walt. Asheby, Tho. Reyuer, Joh. Vndurwoode, Will. Frisby, Joh. Euerdon, Ed. Brogreue, Joh. Ronton, Hen. Byrde, Joh. Sircoke, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Bechamp, Tho. Wirley, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Franklen, Rog. Cookes, Ric. Bushebury, Tho. Ruyton, Rob. Pratty, Joh. Tate, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Blakemon, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Lynne, Tho. Paynell, Will. Keruer, Mat. White, Ric. Botoner, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Doughty, Ric. Joy, Joh. Hall, Will. Darsett, Joh. Kebull, Will. Peer, Hen. Rondall, Joh. Stoke, Rob. Southam, Joh. Walgraue, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Stafford, mylner, Ric. Fillips, Joh. Augur, Will. Rad-Clyffe, Joh. Maynard, Tho. Swayne, Ad. Dyer, Tho. Broun, weuer, Joh. Freman, chaundeler.

Seventy-three names.

RIC. SHARP, MAYOR 1433.

Jan. 25. [1][Election of officers.]

24 Electors. Ric. Joy, Will. Dilcok, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braitoft, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Will. Keruer, Ric. Bushebury, Rob. Southam, Tho. Crosse, Will. Frysby, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Deister, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Blakeman, Joh. Tate, Tho. Ruyton.

Officers. [m. Ric. Sharp; cor. Joh. Whalley; ch. Will. Brid, Rad. Chaundeler; w. Tho. Wirley, Joh. Lee; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. Ps. Ric. Sharp, m., Joh. Weston, rec., Laur. Coke, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wyldgrise, Hen. Peitoo.

Key-keepers. The same; except the recorder.]

WILL. CROSS' CHARTER.

Jan. 13, 1434.

[Let all present and to come know that we W. Crosse, ferryman, W. Legburne and J. Holbargh, chaplains, have delivered, enfeffed and by this present quadripartite charter confirmed to J. Garton, mercer, the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, a tenement with shops and all its appurtenances in the Bayly-lane,
which J. Mokes formerly held, situated between the prior's tenement on one side, and that formerly held by D. Corby on the other side in breadth,
and stretches itself in length from the said street to the prior's land called the Earl's orchard.

[We deliver also, and have confirmed to the said J. Garton

[2]Sciant *presentes* et futuri, *quod* nos Will*elmus* Crosse de Couen*tre*, passenger, Will. Legburne et Joh. Holbargh, capell*ani*, *tradidimus*, feoffauim*us* et hac *presenti* carta *nostra* quaterp*ar*tita confirmauim*us* Joh*anni* Garton, mercer, de Couentre & *heredibus* de corp*ore* suo *legi*time *procreatis*, vnum *tenementum* cum Shop*is* & omnib*us* suis p*er*tinenc*iis* in Couen*tre* in le Balylane, quod Joh*annes* Mokes quondam tenuit; & situat*ur* int*er* ten*ementum* prior*is* et conventus de Couen*tre* ex p*ar*te vna, et ten*ementum* *quod* Dauid Corby quondam tenuit ex p*ar*te alt*era*, in latitudine, & extendit se in longitudine a *predicta* venella usq*ue* ad ter*ram* *predictorum* prior*is* et conuentus vocatam le Erles-orchard. Tradim*us* (*sic*) etiam et confirmauim*us* *prefato* Joh*anni* Garton et *heredibus* de (etc.)

[1] leaf 64, back. [2] leaf 66.

and his heirs 15 selions
and a headland lying together beyond the New Gate at the end of Much Park, between the Trinity guild land formerly H. de le Mure's on each side in breadth, and in length according to the bounds there made.

[To have and to hold the said tenement (etc.)

to the said J. Garton and his heirs of the chief lords of the fees by the service thence due and by right accustomed for ever. And if it chance that the said J. Garton die without legitimate heir, which God forbid, then we will, and by these presents do grant that the said tenement (etc.)
shall remain in its entirety to R. Praty, mercer, for the whole life of the same Robert, to be held of the chief lords of those fees for services due.

[And after the decease of the said Robert we grant that the said tenement, shop, land (etc.),

shall remain to R. Lyllyng, weaver, and his heirs;

and if R. Lyllyng die

without heirs then we grant that these

quindecim seliones[1] & vnam forearam terre simul iacentes ultra Novam portam Couentrie ad finem Parci maioris, inter terram gilde S. Trinitatis quondam Henrici de le Mure ex vtraque parte in latitudine, & in longitudine secundum metas & diuisas ibidem factas. Habendum et tenendum predictum tenementum cum Shopa & omnibus pertinenciis suis, ac predictas quindecim seliones et forearam terre cum pertinenciis, prefato Johanni Garton & heredibus de (etc.) de capitalibus dominis feodorum illorum per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta imperpetuum. & si contingat predictum Johannem Garton sine herede de (etc.) obire—quod absit:—Extunc volumus & concedimus per presentes quod predictum tenementum cum Shopa & omnibus pertinenciis suis, ac predicte quindecim seliones et forarea terre cum pertinenciis, integre remaneant Roberto Praty, mercer, de Couentria ad totam vitam ipsius Roberti, tenendum De capitalibus dominis feodorum illorum per seruicia inde debita et de iure consueta. & extunc post decessum predicti Roberti volumus et concedimus per presentes quod predictum tenementum cum Shopis (etc.) integre remaneant Ricardo Lyllyng, weuer, de Couentria et heredibus de (etc.) tenendum de capitalibus dominis (etc.). & si contingat predictum Ricardum Lyllyng sine herede de (etc.) obire, Extunc volumus & concedimus per presentes quod predictum tenementum

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shall remain to J. Wyldgrise

and others, and their heirs and assigns for ever. So that they by the advice of the mayor, within half a year after this remainder shall fall to them, shall sell the lands and tenement in the best way possible, and the money for the same lands and tenements received

by the advice and assent of the mayor they shall distribute in works of piety for the soul of R. Garton, and for the souls for whom he was bound to pray. In testimony of which thing we have alternately affixed our seals. These being witnesses (etc.).

[Coventry Jan. 10, 1434.

[One part of this charter remains in a chest, called the wardens' counter, among the muniments, left there by the mayor, R. Sharp.

cum Shopis et omnibus pertinenciis suis ac (etc.) integre remaneant Johanni Wildgrise, Will. Braytofte, Tho.[1] Bristowe, Hen. Sharp, Joh. Hampton, Joh. Bowyer, Joh. Euerdon, jun., Vmfrido Swane, Joh. Burbage, jun., Joh. Praty, Joh. Broun, Tho. Kyrke & Will. Charlton, eorum heredibus & assignatis imperpetuum. Ita quod ipsi, eorum heredes uel assignati, terras & tenementum predicta, per avisamentum & assensum maioris Couentrie qui tunc fuerit, infra dimidium annum post remanere predictum eis evenire contigerit, vendant meliore modo quo poterint; & denarii pro eisdem terris & tenemento recepti, per auisamentum et assensum eiusdem maioris, distribuant in operibus pietatis pro anima Radulfi Garton, & pro animabus pro quibus iidem (*sic*) Radulfus tenebatur exorare. In Cuius Rei testimonium hiis Cartis quadripartitis sigilla nostra alternatim apposuimus. Hiis testibus Ricardo Sharp, mercatore, tunc maiore (etc.) Rob. Southam et Will. Donyngton tunc balliuis (etc.) Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braytofte, Joh. Clarke, Ric. Dene & multis aliis. Datum apud Couentriam decimo die mensis Januarii a. r. r. Henrici vj^ti^ post conquestum duodecimo.

& vna pars istius carte remanet in quadam Cista, vocata le wardens Countre,[2] inter munimenta ciuitatis Couentrie, ibidem demissa per manus Ricardi Sharp tunc maioris, etc.

[1] ? Will. [2] *N.E.D.* A table or desk for counting money; a bureau.

ACCOUNTS.

[Wardens' accounts for 1430.

[Charge for which they must account £83 4*s.* 8*d.*

[They ask allowance for expenses, remissions, vacancies and payments,
and also for £14 8*s.* 5*d.* of a certain sum of £15 18*s.* 6*d.*, and £63 11*s.* 11*d.*

[Arrears (or balance of charge over expenses) £5 4*s.* 4*d.*

[Accounts for 1431.

[Charge £67 6*s.* 2*d.*

[Allowance £59 2*s.* 0*d.*

[Arrears £8 4*s.* 2*d.*

[For the two years total £13 8*s.* 6*d.*

[Further allowances, 4 marks (£2 13*s.* 4*d.*).

[For L. Cook £1 8*s.* 0*d.*

[17s. 2*d.* remitted; and they ought to bring in balance in money by tale £8 10*s.* 0*d.*

[Except that 12*s.* on a distress from W. Darsett should be brought in.

[1] Compot*us* Joh. Warrant & Ric. Dene, Custod*um* came*re* ciui*tatis* Couentr*ie* tempo*re* Tho. Paynell maior*is*.

In p*ri*mis onerant*ur* cum xx iiij iij li. iiij s. viij d.

Vnde petu*nt* alloc*ari* *pro* diu*er*sis expens*is*, vac*acionibus*, p*er*don*is* & soluci*on*ib*us*, et etia*m* de xiiij li. viij s. v d. de quada*m* Su*m*ma xv li. xviij s. vj d. de pede compot*i* Will. Frysby & Ric. Dene,[2] lxiij li. xj s. xj d. & sic remanen*t* in arerag*iis* v li. iiij s. iiij d.

Compot*us* p*re*dict*orum* Joha*n*nis & Ric*ardi* Custod*um* came*re* (etc.) a tempo*re* Will. Dilcoke maior*is* (etc.).

In p*ri*mis one*rant*ur cum lxvij. vj s. ij d.

Vnde petu*nt* alloc*ari* *pro* diu*er*sis expens*is*, p*er*don*is* et soluci*on*ib*us* lix. ij s.

& sic remanen*t* in arrerag*iis* viij li. iiij s. ij d.

& sic p*re*dict*i* custod*es* remanent in arrerag*iis* *pro* illis duob*us* annis xiij li. viij s. vj d.

Vnde petu*nt* alloc*ari* de iiij marc*is* solut*is* Joh. Michell.

Item, p*ro* Laur. Cooke xxviij s. q*ui* remanen*t* in manu*s* (*sic*) eiusd*em* Laur*encii*.

Item, p*er*donant*ur* de xvij s. ij d. Ad inducend*um* in pecuniis numerat*is* maiori viij li. x s. Excepto q*uod* ip*si* debent inducere xij s. *vel* vnu*m* distres p*ro* Will. Darsett.

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[They have clear £7 18*s.* 0*d.* and the 12*s.* or distress;

which £7 18*s.* 0*d.* they pay to their successors.[1]

[Accounts for 1432.

[Charge £65 18*s.* 6*d.*, and with the foot of W. Frisby and R. Dene's account, for £7 0*s.* 0*d.* and 18*s.* from others. And with the foot of J. Warrant and R. Dene's account £7 18*s.* 0*d.*, and for W. Dorset 12*s.*

[Total £82 7*s.* 0*d.*

[Allowances, as appear in a book in the mayor's bag,

£63 19*s.* 2½*d.*, for vacancies
£8 9*s.* 8*d.*,
for a priest 2*s.*,
for J. Fynche, 6*s.* 8*d.*

[Total £72 17*s.* 6½*d.*

[Balance £9 9*s.* 6½*d.*

[Further allowances for certain debts owed by Laur. Cooke, J. Burton and W. Darsett,

& remanent de claro in pecuniis vij li. xviij s, et xij s. uel distres de Will. Darsett.

Qui (*sic*) quidem vij li. xviij s. iidem Joh. Warrant & Ric. Dene soluerunt Thome Wirley & Johanni Lee custodibus camere.

Compotus Tho. Wirley et Joh. Lee, custodum camere (etc.) tempore Will. Byfeld, maioris.

In primis onerantur cum lxv li. xviij s. vj d. Item, onerantur cum pede compoti Will. Frisby et Ric. Dene,[2] videlicet cum vij li. pro Joh. Burton, xviij s. pro Will. Darsett, [3]pro Ric. Pisford. Item, onerantur cum pede compoti Joh. Warrant et Ric. Dene[4] cum vij li. xviij s. Item, pro Will. Dorset xij s.

Summa totalis oneracionis $\overset{xx}{\text{iiij}}$ ij li. vij s.[5]

Vnde petunt allocari pro diuersis expensis ut patet in quodam libro existente in baga Ric. Sharp tunc maioris de lxiij li. xix s. ij d. ob. Item pro vacacionibus viij li. ix s. viij d. Item pro sacerdote ij s. Item pro Joh. Fynche vj s. viij d.

Summa allocacionis lxxij li. xvij s. vj d. ob.

& sic remanent in areragiis ix li. ix s. vj ob.[6]

[7]& vlterius iidem Tho. Wirley & Joh. Lee onerantur cum certis debitis que debentur per Laur. Cooke[8] & Joh. Burton & Will. Dorsett, que

[1] Their successors are liable for it, v. *infra*.
[2] v. p. 135. [3] Something omitted. [4] v. *supra*.
[5] Really £82 6*s.* 6*d.* [6] Really 5½. [7] leaf 65, back.
[8] Curious that a J. P. and member of the elective jury should be in debt.

£7 0*s.* 0*d.*
£1 8*s.* 0*d.*

£1 8*s.* 0*d.*

18*s.* 0*d.*

12*s.* 0*d.*
6*s.* 0*d.*
£11 12*s.* 0*d.*
[Accounts for 1433.

[Charge £74 18*s.* 10½*d.*

[Allowance for divers expenses, vacancies, and other discharges, as appears in a paper in J. Mychell's bag, £73 11*s.* 10½*d.*

balance £1 7*s.* 0*d.*

[Further charge for certain debts owed by L. Coke, J. Burton and W. Dorsett viz. £11 12*s.* 0*d.* as appears above,

and again with £1 8*s.* 0*d.* owed by L. Coke for 3 tenements in Gosford Street, and with 6*s.* by W. Dorsett for rent of a tenement formerly E. Lychfeld's.

[Arrears £14 13*s.* 0*d.*

non possunt ad huc leuare; videlicet per Joh. Burton vij li., per Laur. Cooke, de tempore Ric. Dene xxviij s., et temporе predictorum Tho. Wirley & Joh. Lee xxviij s., & per Will. Darsett tempore Will. Frisby per tres annos xviij s., tempore Joh. Warrant et Ric. Dene per ij^{os} annos xij s., tempore predictorum Joh. Lee & Tho. Wirley vj s. videlicet pro vno anno. Summa xj li. xij s.

Compotus Tho. Wirley & Joh. Lee, custodum camere (etc.) tempore Ric. Sharpe, tunc maioris.

Qui onerantur cum $\overset{xx}{\text{iii}}$ xiiij li. xviij s. x d ob.

Vnde iidem custodes petunt allocari pro diuersis expensis, vacacionibus & aliis desoneracionibus, ut patet in baga Joh. Mychell, maioris, in quodam papiro ibidem de lxxiij li. xj s. x d. ob.

& sic remanent in arreragiis xxvij s. & ulterius iidem custodes onerantur cum certis debitis que debentur per Laur. Coke, Joh. Burton et Will. Dorsett, videlicet cum xj li. xij s. ut patet supra in compoto predictorum custodum in primo anno. & similiter onerantur cum xxviij s. pro Laur. Coke qui debentur pro iij^{bus} tenementis in Gosford-strett de anno vltimo predictorum custodum et cum vj s. pro Will. Dorsett de eodem anno de Redditu exeunte de quodam tenemento ejusdem Willelmi nuper Edwardi Lychefeld. & sic remanent in arreragiis xiiij li. xiij s.

JOHN MYCHELL, MAYOR, 1434.

Jan. 25. [1][Election of officers.]

24 electors. Egid. Allesley, Will. Dilcok, Laur. Cooke, Hen. Peitoo, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Braytofte, Ric. Joy, Joh. Rounton, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Bushebury, Will. Kerver, Joh. Lichefeld, Will. Swane, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Style, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Deister, Will. Friseby, Joh. Egeston, Ric. Dene, Joh. Dilcoke, Joh. Oneley.

Officers. [m. Joh. Mychell; cor. Joh. Whalley; ch. Ad. Swett, Joh. Essex; w. Joh. Listurley, Ric. Braytofte; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. Ps. Joh. Mychell, Will. Donyngton, rec., Egid. Allesley, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braytofte.

Key-keepers. Joh. Michell, m., Gil. Allesley, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leeder, Hen. Peitoo, Tho. Wildegryse.]

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Representatives from every ward take counsel about the "measures." [2]Gosford[-strete.]

Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Stafford, Bened. Marschall, Joh. Stretton.

Jurden-well.

Joh. Prentes, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Rocheford, Joh. Lee, hosier, Joh. Dilcok, Joh. Bryan.

Much-parke[-strete.]

Joh. Leeder, Joh. Braytofte, Hen. Peitoo, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Dene, Will. Charlton.

Erle-strett.

Ric. Sharp, Joh. Euerdon, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Warrant, Will. Swane, Ad. Swett, Will. Frysby.

Bayly-lane.

Joh. Rounton, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Sircoke, Joh. Spencer, Joh Franklen.

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Brod-yate.

Egid. Allesley, Ric. Bushebury, Hen. Sircoke, Tho. Ruyton, Rog. Cookes.

Smyth[ford-strete.]

Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Oneley, Joh. Blakmon, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Tate.

Spon[-strete.]

Will. Keruer, Mat. White, Joh. Essex, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Deister.

Crosch[epyng.]

Will. Dilcoke, Ric. Joy, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Style, Will. Dorsett.

Bischop[-strete.]

Rob. Southam, Joh. Lychefeld, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Listurley, Joh. Boteler.

"Measures."

The wich of euery ward, as hit is aboue-said, in saynt Mary hall called to-githur, apoynted that all the strikes of this Cite shuld be accordant to the standard made and delyuered vnto this Cite in the tyme of John sumtyme kyng of Inglond,[1] the which standard is halffe a strike with a barr of Iron ouertwart beyng in the maiouris almery in the geyl-hall off Couentre.[2]

A standard strike of brass in the mayor's aumbry at the gaol-hall.

[3] Allso they orden that the maiour now beyng do orden a strike of laten in allsoo goodly[4] as he may. Wherupon Joh. Mychell, maiour, lett orden a strike of brass accordaunt to the standard of London sealyd and markyd with a crown, and a Galon of brass accordant vnto the same, the wich abydithe in the kepyng of the meraltie.

Another strike, also a gallon of standard size;

And allso þer is ordeyned a strike of tree accordaunt vnto the Standard of theschekur.

a wooden strike.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF BEDFORD.

[5] Egid. Allesley, Will. Dilcok, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wildegrise, Ric. Joy, Joh. Braytoft,

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[1] In Magna Charta. v. *Statutes of the Realm*, I. 117.
[2] "Vte folium" is written below; the reverse of this page is almost blank.
[3] leaf 67, back.
[4] word omitted.
[5] leaf 68. Scribe of B. type.

Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharp, Will. Donyngton, Joh. Ronton, Rob. Southam, Joh. Braunston, Rob. Melburn, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Euerdon, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Prentes, Will. Kerver, Joh. Lychefeld, Ric. Busshebury, Will. Swanne, Joh. Warant, Joh. Willoghby, Joh. Willowby,[1] Ad. Suette, Joh. Esex, Joh. Lusterley, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Doughty, Will. ffrysby, Ric. Dene, Will. Darsett, Joh. Lee, Tho. Wirley, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Burton, Rad. Chaundeler, Joh. Stille, Joh. Deyster, Will. Bridd, Joh. Walgraue, Joh. Blakemon, Mat. Whit, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Asshewell, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Shadde, Joh. ffrankelen, Rog. Wilnale, Joh. Goolde, Will. Broun, Tho. Draper, Rog. Cockes, Joh. Boteler, Rob. Grubber, Nic. Gore, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Walle.

ordain that "a present" be given to the Duchess of Bedford, and "to the Duke of Bedford," and sent to Fullbrook.

The whiche above writon han ordeyned that my lady, the duches of Bedford,[2] shuld haue 1 marke, & a Cowpe of siluer & ouergilt, price v mark.

Also they ordeyned that as-well the present that was sent to my lord, the Duke of Bedford, vnto ffullbroke, that is to sey, xxiiij pykes,[3] price ls.[3], xij bremes [3]price xxxvj s.[3], xij tenches, [3]price xvj s.[3], & a Tune of rede wyn, vij li. vj s. viij d.[3], price of all with the Cariage, vj s. viij d.[3], xij li. xv s. iiij d. As the seid 1 mark & the Cowpe of v marke shulde be leuyed be the wardes.

24 pike value £2 10*s.* 0*d.* 12 bream £1 16*s.* 0*d.* 12 tenches 16*s.* 0*d.* a tun of wine £7 6*s.* 8*d.* carriage 6*s.* 8*d.* total £12 15*s.* 4*d.*

Also in dyuers costages made be iij tyme Rydyng to Fulbroke by dyuers officers & also be all the wurthy men of this Cite. *Sum*ma xxix s. vj d. *Sum*ma totalis lv li. xviij s. ij d.[4]

Other expenses £1 9*s.* 6*d.* Total (with 55 marks) £55 18*s.* 2*d.*

[5]Mem. quod isti subsequent*es* ordinauerunt *quod dominus* Dux Bedford*ie* h*aberet* 1 marcas, ij pipes vini *precii* xxij . . . . . (desunt.)

The duke to have 50 marks, 2 pipes of wine worth 22 . . .

Vacat quia alibi, ex alt*era* p*arte* folii.[6]

See on the other side of the leaf.

[The following gave to the duke of Bedford.

[7]Mem. *quod* isti subsequent*es* dederunt duci Bedford*ie* temp*ore* Joh. Michell maior*is* (etc.) Will. Donyngton & Rob. Southam ballivor*um* (etc.)

[1] ? a repetition. [2] The duke's second wife, Jacquette of Luxembourg.
[3] Written above the line.
[4] ? £50 18*s.* 2*d.* But some items may have been omitted.
[5] leaf 68, back. [6] In margin. [7] leaf 69.

51 names.

Gos[ford Street.]

	£	s.	d.
Laur. Cooke		10	0
Tho. Wildegrise		10	0
Wal. Bonde		1	0
Joh. Boteler		1	0
Will. Capper		1	0
Joh. Baker		2	10
Joh. Watford		2	0
Ric. Skotte		2	10
Joh. Langton		1	6
Tho. Horsley		1	0
Tho. Cockes		1	0
Rob. Shukborgh		4	0
Will. Cockes		1	0
Joh. Brabson[1]		3	0
Tho. Stone		2	6
Joh. Stafford		3	4
Ric. Molle		1	6
Hugo Spencer		1	0
Joh. Sheldon		2	4
Will. Dawe		3	4
Will. Gilberd		3	4
Joh. Sheldon, jun.		2	0
Joh. Derby		1	6
Joh. Castell, wright		1	6
Tho. Smyth		1	6
Joh. Maydford		1	6
Hen. Skille		2	0
Joh. Holyes		3	4
Chris. Wright		1	0
Tho. Bowyer		1	0
Tho. Baker, draper		1	6
Joh. Asshewell		3	4
Joh. Breux			6
Hen. Coton		1	8[2]
Bened. Marchall		3	0
Alicia Breton		4	0[3]
Hen. Lambard			6
Joh. Stretton		3	0
Tho. Mason		2	6
And. Evesham		2	0
Ric. Somer		2	6
Joh. Manton		1	0
Tho. Reve		1	0
Ric. Cockes		1	6
Christiana Golofre		2	6
Joh. Eston		1	6
Will. Saunders		2	6
Ed. Deister		1	0
Sim. Baker		2	6
Joh. Evesham		2	6
Tho. Weue [? Weuer]		1	0[4]
Summa totalis v li. xvj s. & inde *non recepti* xvj d.[5]			

60 names.

Jurdenwell.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. ffreman, chaundler		2	2
Rob. Defford		1	4
Ric. Sherman		1	4
Tho. Elderbek		2	4
Joh. Porter			10
Joh. Brewer		1	8
Joh. Dilcok		3	8
Joh. Bryan		3	8
Joh. Cater		3	8
Joh. Whalley		3	8
Ric. Barbour		1	0
[6]Hugo Couper		1	4
Joh. Hawkyns		1	8
Tho. Barnwell			10
Joh. Rocheford		2	10
Rob. Shawe			8
Joh. Lee		3	8
Margerie Godfrey			10
Will. Cressy		1	0
Will. Shirley		2	6
Joh. Wade			8
Joh. Perkyns		1	4
Joh. ffynche		1	0
Joh. Egull		1	4
Tho. Thomas			10
Math. Tyler			8
Joh. Bette		2	0
Joh. ffolshull			10
Joh. Stoneley			10
Will. Castelton		1	8
Ric. Adam		1	1
Will. Oxton			10
Joh. Stanfeld			10
Will. Bulkley			8
Tho. Welles		2	0
Joh. Gamull		1	4
Joh. Hall		1	0
Joh. Pake			10
Hen. Cooke			10
Joh. Bradley		1	0
Tho. Dykens		2	2
Joh. Abram		2	10
Rob. Clerk		2	0
Tho. Maydford		2	10
Tho. Thruston[7]		2	2
Wal. Tyrell			10
Joh. Creke		1	0
Joh. Symond		2	4
Joh. ffremon			8
Will. Gale			10
Tho. Illage		2	6
Joh. Multon		1	0
Joh. Sutton		2	4
Rob. Grene			6
Joh. Shad		3	0
Ric. Recheford		2	6
Joh. Cressy		2	0
Ric. Clerk		1	8
Ric. Cotoner			8
Joh. Prentes		5	0
Summa v li. ij s. et vnde *non recepti* xxij d.[8]			

[1] "bson" deleted, and "bon" substituted in another hand or ink; read Brabon.

[2] "inde *recepti* xvj d." follows, added later.

[3] "inde *recepti* ij s." added.

[4] "nichil inde *receptum*" added.

[5] Total £5 16*s.* 0*d.* of which 1*s.* 4*d.* has not been received.

[6] leaf 69, back.

[7] Thrustanus Walker, p. 87.

[8] Total £5 2*s.* 0*d.* of which 1*s.* 10*d.* has not been received. v li. xxj d. has been scribbled in the margin.

46 names.

Muchpark strete.

	£	s.	d.
Rob. Skille, sporiour			8
Will. Beverley	1	4	
Will. Brid	2	6	
Ric. Dene	3	4	
Will. Grene	2	6	
Will. Betley	3	4	
Joh. Clerk	6	0	
Tho. Wylot			6
Hen. Peyto	10	0	
Rob. Mason, coruyer	2	0	
Tho. Walsale, weuer	1	0	
Joh. Leder	10	0	
Johanna Byfeld	4	0	
Tho. Waren	1	0	
Joh. Ray	1	0	
Tho. Norwyche			6
Hen. Hobbes	2	6	
Alicia Attewall	1	0	
Ric. Bromley, smyth	1	2	
Joh. Lee, smyth	1	4	
Ric. Jones, smyth			10
Joh. Derby, coruyser	2	0	
Tho. Warmynton	2	6	
Ric. Staffordshire	1	4	
Will. Charlton	1	4	
Tho. Peyntour	2	0	
Joh. Gale	1	4	
Will. Deyster	2	0	
Will. Cleybroke	2	0	
Joh. Honey, mylner			8
Nic. Gryve	2	0	
Will. Glasier	1	4	
Joh. Witham, carter	1	0	
Joh. Garton	2	6	
[1]Joh. Braytoft / Will. Braytoft	10	0	
Will. Cortenale	1	0	
Tho. Tyler			10
Tho. Tate	1	0	
Rob. Hendeman			8
Ric. Knyghtley	1	0	
Joh. Gosnore	2	6	
Hen. Carter	1	4	
Will. Southam	2	6	
Ric. Tyler, mason			8
Tho. Abell			6

Summa v li. et inde *non recepti* x d.[2]

55 names.

Erlstrete.

	£	s.	d.
Rob. Barbour	1	0	
Joh. ffranklen	1	0	
Margareta Horborgh	1	0	
Joh. Lyones	1	0	
Nic. Russell	1	8	
Joh. Willowby	3	4	
Tho. Morsby	1	0	
Joh. Warant	5	0	
Ad. Suette	1	8	
Will. Broun	3	4	
Wal. Assheby	1	8	
Will. ffrysby	2	6	
Joh. Motte	1	8	
Tho. Reyuer[3]	1	8	
Joh. Hawkyns	1	0	
Ric. Sharp	6	8	
Ric. Braytoft	3	4	
Joh. Vnderwode	1	8	
Will. Swanne	5	0	
Tho. Swanne	1	8	
Joh. Perpoynt	1	0	
Rob. Thede	1	8	
Will. Donyngton, hosier	1	8	
Joh. Bryan	1	8	
Will. Ednam	1	8	
Joh. George	1	0	
Will. Perte	1	0	
Galf. Cunwey	1	8	
Tho. Bayly	1	0	
Joh. Radley	1	0	
Agn. Crudworth	1	8	
Johanna Brabson	1	0	
Joh. Waterfall	1	0	
Will. Dey	1	0	
Tho. Glenne	2	0	
Joh. Kyrkeby	1	0	
Johanna Northe-wod	3	4	
Joh. Michell	6	8	
Rob. Praty	1	8	
Tho. Kyrke	1	8	
Rob. Barnesley	1	0	
Nic. Palmer	1	8	
Johanna Hosier	1	0	
Tho. Crosse	3	4	
Edm. Brogreve	1	8	
Ric. Boys	1	8	
Joh. Chacombe	1	0	
Will. Tolas[4]	1	0	
Joh. Euerdon	5	0	
Joh. Burton	5	0	
Tho. Swettenham	1	8	
Ric. Botoner	5	0	
Will. Belgrave	1	0	
Will. Donyngton, Recordator	5	0	
Ric. Revell	1	0	

[5]*Summa* v li. xiij s. iiij d. et inde *non recepti* ij s.

27 names.

Brodeyate.

	£	s.	d.
Alicia Illage	1	4	
Locok, taylour			6
Joh. Blackamour	1	0	
Will. Spenser	1	0	
Tho. Spenser	1	0	
[6]Will. fflekney	1	8	
Joh. Bernard	1	4	
Tho. Barbour			6
Tho. Ruyton, draper	2	6	
Joh. Yate	1	4	
Hen. Sircok	5	4	
Rog. Cockes	3	0	
Wal. Paslowe			6
Ric. Busshebury			8
Will. Draper			6
Wal. Chaterton			6
Nic. Gore	3	0	
Ric. Cowper	1	0	
Egid. Allesley	6	8	
Will. Abram, shether	1	0	
Joh. Cappe, coteler	1	6	
Joh. Malory	1	0	
Katherina ffremon	1	0	
Joh. Huntley	1	0	
Ric. Morell	1	0	
Will. Dawbeney	1	0	
Hugo Manton	1	0	

[7]*Summa* xlvj s. viij d.

[1] leaf 70. [2] £5 0*s.* 0*d.* of which 10*d.* has not been received.
[3] (?) Reyner; v. 13 Ryver. [4] *Sic.* (?) Colas; v. 79.
[5] £5 13*s.* 4*d.* Not received 2*s.* [6] leaf 70, back. [7] £2 6*s.* 8*d.*

41 names.

Smyth[ford strete.]

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Joh. Maynard		2	0
Will. Happeford		1	0
Tho. Wodard		1	8
Tho. Whitside		1	8
Will. Ruyde		1	0
Joh. Tate		1	4
Tho. Peuterer		3	0
Joh. Bristowe		10	0
Joh. Lynne		3	4
Joh. fforest		1	0
Ric. Wymondeswold		1	0
Tho. Broun		3	4
Reg. Bowyer		1	0
Joh. Gey [? Dey]		1	4
Rog. Okburn		1	4
Will. Ive, smyth		1	0
Joh. Hampton		1	0
Joh. Blackmon		3	4
Joh. Onley		3	4
Tho. Joy		1	0
Ric. Osbarne		3	4
Will. Melodyne		1	4
Joh. Kyngeston		2	0
Joh. Owterede		1	0
Ric. fflynte, osteler		2	0
Joh. Egynton		3	4
Joh. London		1	0
Tho. Leche		1	0
Joh. Wyponbury[1]		1	0
Wal. Northefolke		2	0
Nic. Sadeler		1	0
Joh. Braunston		5	0
Ric. Peche, Skynner			8
Joh. Wilde		1	0
Will. Jones		2	0
Margeria Bowyer		2	0
Margeria Ive		3	4
Joh. Nele		1	0
Rog. fflecher		1	0
Ranulph Plumer			8
Rog. Profet, glouer			8
[2]*Summa* iiij li. & *non recepti* xij d.			inde

85 names.

Croschepyng.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Rob. fflecher		1	0
Dauid Hardwaremon			6
Rob. Melburn		8	4
Rob. Grubber		3	0
Will. Prentes		1	0
Joh. Walle		2	0
Joh. Doughty		3	4
Joh. Gye		1	0
[3]Joh. Nele		2	0
Margareta Breux		2	0
Hen. Peyntour		1	0
Will. Hende Swanlond		1	10
Joh. Milner		1	0
Ric. Lane		1	0
Ric. Hardeborgh		1	0
Will. Radclyf		1	8
Rad. Chaundler		3	4
Will. Bredon		1	0
Joh. ffrithe		1	0
Nic. Smyth		1	4
Joh. Appelby		2	0
Will. Aderton			6
Nic. Wirdrawer		1	0
Joh. Suker		1	0
Ric. Joy		10	0
Thom. Holybrig		1	0
Hen. Aderton		1	0
Joh. Barbour		1	0
Joh. Barbour		1	0
Joh. Sutton		1	0
Ric. Drowht			10
Nic. Grene		1	0
Tho. Bredon		1	8
Joh. Bandy		2	0
Ric. Penson		1	8
Tho. Norwyche		1	6
Joh. Whight		1	0
Will. Hosier		1	0
Will. Bromwyche		1	4
Tho. Bassingburn		2	0
Joh. Boteler		3	4
Joh. Eborall		1	0
Joh. Iveley		1	0
Joh. Colyns		1	8
Tho. Aleyn			10
Joh. Yong		1	0
Will. Mason		1	0
Tho. Goldsmyth		1	0
Will. Hulle		1	0
Will. Darset		4	0
Will. Benet		1	4
Will. Dilcok		6	8
Joh. Barbour		1	0
Will. Dey		2	6
Rad. Hulle		2	0
Joh. Imayne			10
Tho. White		2	0
Galf. Wolpyner		1	2
Tho. Lyllynton		1	0
Joh. Huet		1	0
Joh. Weston			8
Ric. Peyntour		1	0
Will. Deyster		1	8
Joh. Halle		2	0
Joh. Northemon		2	0
Ric. Weuer		1	4
Rob. Bron		1	8
Joh. Northampton		1	8
Hen. Rondull		2	0
Joh. Bette		1	4
Ric. Bedon			8
Rob. Mors		2	0
Will. Huyton		6	8
Ric. Spicer		1	0
Tho. Swayne		1	4
Joh. Stille		4	0
Rob. Seriaunt		1	0
Ric. Cade		1	0
Joh. Warde		1	4
Will. Heyes		1	0
Will. Meke			10
Will. Huet		2	0
Will. Stoneley		1	0
Joh. Gelot		1	0
Summa vij li. v s. et *non recepti* xiiij d.[4]			inde

[1] Wappenbury, Warw. [2] £4 0*s.* 0*d.*; 12*d.* not received. [3] leaf 71.
[4] £7 5*s.* 0*d.* and 1*s.* 2*d.* not received.

49 names.

Baili lane.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Merston, gurdeler		1	8
Joh. Harborgh		1	0
Joh. Byram		2	0
Joh. Whitley		1	8
Hen. Watford		1	0
Will. Warde		1	0
Joh. Sircok		2	0
Ric. Deister		1	0
Ric. Dyvet		1	8
Joh. Skille		1	4
Joh. Alen		1	8
Joh. Patenmaker		1	0
Tho. Jakemon, coruyser		1	0
Joh. Makesey		2	0
Tho. Wirley		2	0
Joh. Plymmer		2	0
Joh. Spenser		2	0
Ric. Perbroun		1	4
Joh. Milet		1	0
Tho. Brid		1	4
Joh. Bechamp		1	4
Will. Booke		1	8
Ric. Julians		1	0
Joh. Ronton		5	0
Joh. Holt		2	0
Joh. Whiche		1	0
Joh. Yate		1	4
Hen. Walton			8
Ric. Hampton		1	0
Joh. ffrankelen		2	6
Joh. Power		1	0
Rob. Herdewyk		1	4
Tho. Loke		1	0
Joh. Burbage		1	0
Joh. Gryme		2	0
Tho. Wadard, hosier		1	0
Joh. Bayly		1	0
Rob. Glouseter		1	4
Joh.[1]		1	4
Will. Clerk		1	8
Rob. Styff		1	4
Joh. Crosse		1	8
Hen. Brid		1	4
Sim. Harfrey		1	0
Joh. Bordale		2	0
Joh. Gilberd		1	4
Joh. Cardmaker			8
Will. Oteley			8
Joh. Lowthe			8

[2] *Summa* iij li. x d. et inde *non recepti* viij d.

61 names.

Sponstrete.

	£	s.	d.
Will. Awberey		1	0
Tho. Hastlyf		1	0
Joh. Grynder		3	4
Tho. Rastell		4	0
Joh. Essex		3	4
Alicia Paynell		3	4
Joh. Mersche		1	4
Ric. Shustoke		1	8
Joh. Sircetur		1	0
Joh. Waren		1	0
Will. Peer		3	0
Gerv. Cole		2	0
Joh. Menley		3	4
Will. Welles		2	0
Rog. Wilnale		2	0
Will. Pratte		2	0
Joh. Lote		1	8
Joh. Broun		2	0
Joh. Sewen		1	8
Joh. Honeyburn		2	0
Egid. Corbrond		3	0
Tho. Tokeby		2	0
Joh. Molle		2	0
Will. Kerver		5	0
Joh. Deyster		4	0
Joh. Chester		2	0
Joh. Saunder		1	0
Sim. Busteler		1	4
[3] Joh. Eyre		1	0
Hen. Holt		1	8
Ric. Welford		3	0
Joh. Harres		1	8
Joh. Adley		2	0
Will. Stone		1	8
Nic. Smyth		1	0
Tho. Brid		1	0
Rog. Ball		2	0
Wal. Bulker		1	0
Will. Spenser		1	0
Hugo Steyne		2	0
Ric. Baxster		1	0
Tho. Smyth		1	0
Joh. Plasterer		2	0
Rob. Boteler		1	0
Mat. White		3	4
Sim. Mores		2	0
Rob. Capper		2	0
Joh. Westley		1	0
Rog. Wales		2	0
Rob. Baxster		2	0
Joh. Balle		1	8
Rad. Okes		1	0
Hugo Barbour		1	4
Joh. Barkeby, baxster		1	4
Will. Hardewyk		1	8
[4] Lote, weu*er*			8
[4] Burbage		1	0
[4] Lenton			6
Reg. Whittawer			8
[4] Brasier			8
[4] Gurdelsford			6

[5] *Summa* v li. xiij s. iiij d. et inde *non recepti* xvj d.

EASTER LEET.

"Couentre." Apr. 7.

[6] ¶ [V. f. p. held before Joh. Michell, m., Rob Southam, Will. Donyngton, b., on Wednesday after the Close of Easter, 12 Hen. VI.]

[1] Blank.
[2] £3 0*s.* 10d. ; of which 8*d.* not received.
[3] leaf 72.
[4] Blank.
[5] £5 13*s.* 4*d.* ; of which 1*s.* 4*d.* not received. Bishop Street omitted.
[6] leaf 72, back. Scribe B.

Egid. Allesley, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wilgrise, Ric. Joy, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharpe, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Busshebury, Will. Kerver, Will. Swan, Joh. Essex, Ad. Swette, Will. ffrisby, Ric. Dene, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Onley. Jury.

They ordeyn that Joh. Onley haue þe comen seall þat þe stondard of þe cundyte in þe Smythford-strete afore his yate shall not be doon awaye. Orders of leet. Joh. Onley and the conduit in Smithford Street.

Also they ordeyn þat Isabell Huyton & Will. Huyton make þe weye that stretcheth fro Cheylesmore Grene vnto Somerlesowe betwixt þis & Michelmasse next comyng, vppon the peyn of Cs. to the vse of þe Chambre. A road to be made.

Also they ordeyn that þe Meir execute the ordenaunce made for Taverners that sell wyne ayenst þe olde ordenaunce [20s. to be raised at every trespass.] Taverners.

Also they ordeyn that Will. Donyngton be Recordour of þe Citie of Couentre, als long as he is of goode beryng. "Recorder elected."

[The bridge in Hill Street to be made, half at the chamberlains' cost, and half at the cost of those having tenements in Hill Street.] Hill Street bridge.

Also that þe brige in the Palmer lane be made be þe wardeyns, & help of þe wardis þerto adioynyng. Palmers' Lane bridge.

[1]Also they ordeyn þat when þe mair hath nede to send for xlviij persones, that he send for þe most sufficient persones that shal-be at whome, & yf he come not when he is send for to lese xij d. at euery defalt, but yf he haue a resonable cause; & yf eny persone disobeye þe ordenaunce made be þe xlviij, he so disobeyng to lose vj s. viij d. at euery tyme to þe vse of þe Chambre.[1] The mayor to send for the most sufficient persons for the council of Forty-eight. Disobedience to orders of the Forty-eight punished by a 6*s.* 8*d.* fine.

And as touchyng the Cundyte they ordeyn that who-so make eny suspirall fro this tyme forward shall pay xl s. at euery trespasse to be rered to þe vse of þe Chambre. "Conduits."

Also they ordeyn þat the Standard at Bablake be doon awaye, and þat fro thys tyme forward ther be no graunte made vnder the comien seall to no man to haue eny suspirall, etc. No grant under common seal to have suspiral.

[1—1] Repeated almost verbatim, f. 90, p. 34. There the fine (6*s.* 8*d.*) is to go to the chamberlains.

See elsewhere for the Michaelmas leet.

Require alter*um* vis*um* tent*um* ad festu*m* S. Mich*a*elis p*roxim*o anno tempo*re* Joh. Euerdon, folio xviij° p*roxim*o sequente.[1]

[2]COLLECTION OF A FIFTEENTH.

Mar. 28, 1434.

Thes ben the Collectours of the iiij parte of a xv peny graunted be a parlyment made in the Terme of Mich[aelmas] the yere of kyng Henry the vj the xij, to be payd at iiij tymes, the first at the fest of Ester the seid xij yere.

Gosford[-strete.]

Sim. Deyster, Ric. Somer, Joh. Stretton, Hen. Coton. £1 9s. 0d.

Jurd[*en*-well.]

Joh. ffreman, Tho. Dikons, Tho. Thurston, Tho. Elderbek. £1 5s. 6d.

Much[-park-strete.]

Rob. Mason, Tho. Tyler, Edm. Shermon, Rob. Hendmon. £1 5s. 0d.

Erll[-strete.]

Joh. Motte, Will. Donyngton, hosier, Edm. Brogreve, Nich. Palmer. £1 8s. 5d.

Baill[y-lane.]

Rob. Herdewyke, Joh. Gilberd, Tho. Jakemon, Joh. Harborgh. 17s. 6d.

Brod[-yate.]

Joh. Yate, Will. Dawberey, Hugo Manton, Ric. Morell. 11s. 8d.

Smyth[-ford-strete.]

Joh. Tate, Joh. Wilde, Ric. Wymondeswold, Joh. Hosier. £1 0s. 0d.

Spon[-trete.]

Joh. Hasclyff, Will. Welles, Tho. Rastell, Ric. Shirstoke. £1 8s. 5d.

[1] Joh. Euerdon's Michaelmas leet is included in this year, leaf 82, back. Joh. Michell's Michaelmas leet is found in part duplicated on leaf 64 (Byfeld's year), and on leaf 90 (Euerdon's year). v. *infra*.

[2] leaf 68, back.

Crosch[eaping.]

Will. Deister, Will. Bromwiche, Tho. Swayne, Joh. ffrith, smyth. £1 16s. 4d.

Bissh[op-strete.]

Will. Kempe, Joh. Augur, Will. Humberston, Ric. ffillippes. £1 8s. 4d.

THE KING'S VISIT AND PRESENT.

[June 12, 1434.

[The following granted that the men of Coventry shall ride to meet the king, in green robes and red caps; and that the king should have £100 in ready money in a certain silver and gilt cup, for which the money should be levied by the wards; and that 48 of the council of the city should be called to S. Mary's Hall to confirm this ordinance.]

[1]Memorandum quod isti subsequentes concesserunt in aula B. Marie die Sabbati proximo post festum S. Barnabe apostoli [12 Henry VI], tempore Joh. Michell maioris, quod homines de Couentre equitabunt obuiando Regi cum viridibus Togis & Rubiis capiciis. Et dominus noster Rex predictus haberet C li. in pecuniis numeratis in quodam Cipho argenti & deaurato; & quod predicta summa & Ciphus essent leuata per wardas. Etiam ordinarunt quod xlviij discreti homines Ciuitatis predicte de consilio Ciuitatis predicte essent conuocati in aula predicta ad affirmandum ordinacionem predictam si voluerint.

Laur. Cooke, Egid. Allesley, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Joy, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Ronton, Rob. Southam, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Euerdon, Rob. Melburn, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Botoner, Will. Kerver, Joh. Lychefeld, Joh. Waraunt. Will. Swanne, Joh. Braunston. 20 names.

[The following with the above-named discreet and reverend men have confirmed these ordinances, and ordained that they be observed. Note

Isti subsequentes cum prenominatis discretis & Reuerendis viris affirmauerunt et ordinaciones predictes obseruandas ordinauerunt. Et etiam Notandum est quod Ciphus predictus

[1] leaf 73.

that the cup cost 10 marks 2*s.* (£6 15*s.* 4*d.*), or 29 oz. at 4*s.* 8*d.* per oz. with the fashioning and gilding of the foot 6*s.* 8*d.* Total £7 2*s.* 0*d.*

constab*at* x marc*is* ijs.; videl*icet* xxix vnc*ie* qual*ibet* vnc*ia* iiijs. viij d.; cum fassione & p*ro* deauraci*one* pedis eiusdem Ciphi vj s. viij d. Su*m*ma x marce viij s. viij d.

Hen. Sircok, Joh. Yate, Baxster, Joh. Blakemon, Joh. Onley, Tho. Broun, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Menley, Joh. Doughty, Rad. Chaundeler, Ric. Penson, Will. Dorsette, Rob. Grubber, Joh. Goolde, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Rebull, Joh. Asshewell, Joh. Stafford, Tho. Elderbek, Joh. Recheford, Will. Bird, Joh. Garton, Tho. Warmynton, Will. ffrysby, Nic. Palmer, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Bechamp, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Boton*er*, Rog. Wilnale, Will. Bromwiche. 30 names.

[The following gave £107 2*s.* 0*d.* in money by tale according to the ordinance on the other part of the leaf.

[1] Isti subsequentes dederunt d*omi*no Regi C li. x marc*as* viij s. viij d. in pecuniis num*er*atis sec*und*um ordinac*ion*em ex alt*er*a p*ar*te folii ordinat*am*.

126 names.

Gosford-strete.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Joh. Holy	3	8	
Joh. Maltman, wirdrawer			4
Joh. Godyng, bocher			8
Hen. Weston	1	0	
Hen. Skille	3	4	
Joh. Mayford, weu*er*	4	0	
Tho. Smyth, writelmaker	2	0	
Wal. Purs	1	0	
Joh. Castel, wright	3	0	
Ric. Anabull, mason	1	0	
Joh. Derby, wright	2	6	
Joh. Sheldon, jun.	3	4	
Joh. Tyrsethion	1	8	
Joh. Gilberd, mercer	4	6	
Will. Dawe, Taylour	4	0	
Joh. Sheldon, sen.	3	4	
Hugo Spenser, Taylour	1	8	
Ric. Molle, weu*er*	2	6	
Joh. Stafford, wirdrawer	4	0	
Will. Rothwell, weu*er*	3	0	
Tho. Weuer	3	4	
Wil. Perte, wirdrawer			8
Joh. Preston, Taylour	1	3	
Joh. Brabon, weu*er*	4	0	
Will. Cokes, weu*er*	1	8	
Laur. Cooke	10	6	
Tho. Stretton	4	0	
Rob. Burges, wirdrawer	1	3	
Tho. Sporiour, wirdrawer			8
Joh. Wright	1	8	
Tho. Cooke, baxster			4
Will. Corbet, weu*er*			4
Joh. Treves, weu*er*	1	3	
Tho. Cockes, weu*er*	1	8	
Tho. Horsley, weu*er*	1	0	
Joh. Lenton, walker	2	6	
Joh. Knyȝt, wirdrawer	1	8	
Joh. Clerke, laborer	1	0	
Will. Sturdy	1	0	
Tho. Chapman	1	0	
Will. Saunders, deister	3	4	
Will. Harres, deyster	1	8	
Rog. Boteler	1	6	
Sim. Deyster	3	8	
Will. Lokier	1	3	
Joh. ffyleng	1	0	
Tho. Nedeler	1	0	
Sim. Baxster			10
Tho. Hasting			11
Joh. Euesham	4	0	
Will. Abram	1	7	
Joh. Watres			8
Tho. Coke			8
Joh. Sawyer	1	0	
Hayward			8
Joh. Rondull			8
Johanna Nores			4
Joh. Rage	1	3	

[1] leaf 73, back.

Gosford-strete.

	£	s.	d.
Hen. Stone			6
Wal. Bonde		2	6
Hen. Warmynton, wright		1	3
Will. Magson, carter		1	2
David Wright			6
Joh. Boteler		1	8
Rob. Wattes			8
Joh. ffrenshe			4
Will. Newnam		1	3
Joh. Clement			4
Will. Capper		1	3
Joh. Baker		3	8
Joh. Watford		2	6
Hugo Welford			3
Nich. Stoke			4
Will. Smyth, writel-maker,		1	0
Ric. Skotte		4	2
[1]Tho. Ston			4
Will. Caladon			4
Will. Miles			4
Will. Whiter			4
Tho. Button			4
Tho. Barbour			6
Ric. Mason			4
Tho. Mores		1	0
Gal. Molle			3
Tho. Barker, weu*er*			6
Joh. Spake, wir-drawer			6
Christopher Wright		1	8
Joh. ffennes, wir-drawer			6
Ric. Willy, card-maker			6
Tho. Bateman		1	0
Joh. Stere			4
Tho. Bowyer		2	2
Tho. Baxst*er*, drap*er*		2	6
Joh. Asshewell, m*ercer*		6	0
Joh.[2]		1	0
Joh. Plymmer		1	6
Ric. Colet		1	8
Tho. Bunsale,[3] tiler		1	0
Hen. Coton		2	6
Will. Bomye			4
Bened. Marshall		3	8
Alicia Breton		4	0
Joh. Baxster, hosier			8
Tho. Wene, weu*er*		1	8
Reg. Lambard		1	0
Tho. Wildegryse		10	6
Joh. Stretton, Taylo*ur*		3	8
Tho. Mason, coruyser		3	8
And. Evesham		1	8
Joh. Poche		1	6
Ric. Somer, weu*er*		3	8
Joh. Manton		2	8
Tho. Reve		1	8
Tho. Milwarde			8
Rad. ffolshull			8
Will. Andseld		1	8
Joh. Walker, deyster			4
Ric. Welles		1	1
Ric. Cockes, weu*er*		2	0
Joh. Sande		1	3
Tho. Hayle, walker		1	0
Hen. Tredsyn[4]		1	3
Christiana Golofur		3	8
Joh. Eston, deist*er*		3	0
Joh. Hethul		1	0
Eus. Golofer, deister		1	8

Summa £11 12*s.* 0*d.*[5]

129 names.

Jurden-well.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. ffreman, chaundeler		4	0
Joh. Pynder			8
Rob. Defford		2	0
Rad. Baron			4
Ric. Shermon		2	0
Tho. Elderbek		4	0
Joh. Porter		1	0
Ric. Taylour			8
Joh. Brewer		3	0
Joh. Dilcok		5	4
Tho. Wodcok			6
Joh. Prentes		6	8
Will. Gayton			4
Joh. Brian		5	4
Will. Marshall			4
Will.[2]			8
Joh. Cater		5	4
Hugo Neuton			4
Joh. Whalley		5	4
Joh. Taylour			6
Ric. Barbour		1	0
Hugo Couper		2	0
Joh. Hawkyns		2	4
Tho. Dernwell		1	0
Joh. Neve			8
Joh. Recheford		5	0
[6]Rob. Shawe		1	0
Joh. Lee		5	4
Margeria Godefrey		1	4
Will. Byg			6
Rog. Cressy		1	0
Will. Shurley		4	0
Tho. Smyth			8
Joh. Perkins		2	0
Joh. Wade		1	4
Joh. ffynche		2	0
Hen. Wene [? Weu*er*]			4
Joh. Lokier			6
Joh. Deist*er*, pynn*er*			6
Will. Hurley			4
Will.[2], Mason			6
Joh. Harres			8
Nic. Hinch			8
Joh. Toft, jun.			8
Will. Bradmere		1	0
Will. Milner			4
Joh. Milner			4
Ric. Willy, mylner			8
Mat. Tyler		1	0
Joh. Hosier			4
Rad. Giterner			4
Joh. Marchall			4
Rad. Clement			4
Joh. Egle		1	4
Tho. Thomas			8
Rob. Arglas			8
Joh. Tedyngworth			8
Will. Bette			8
Tho. Gilberd			4
Joh. ffolkeshull		1	4
Hen. Robyns		2	0

[1] leaf 74. [2] Blank. [3] Bonsall, co. Derby (Mr. Stevenson).
[4] ? Tredfyn. [5] £12 8*s.* 3*d.* erased. £11 8*s.* 10*d.* in margin.
[6] leaf 74, back.

Jurden-well.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Stonley		1	0
Gil. Dubber			4
Joh. Egleston			4
Joh. Broun			4
Joh. Nicoll			4
Joh. Euesham			6
Ric. Clement			4
Tho. Merston			4
Rad. Plymer			8
[1] Castelton		3	0
Ric. Adam		2	0
Joh. Ekilsale			4
Will. Oxston			8
Will. Malyn			4
Joh. Stanffeld			8
Tho. Kirtley			8
Joh. Chapman			4
Rob. Coucher			4
Joh. Halle		1	8
Joh. Peuterer			4
Will. Patenmaker			4
Tho. Wynchestre			4
Will. Bulkeley			8
Tho. Bery			4
Tho. Welles		3	4
Joh. Gamyll		1	8
Agnes Seuster			4
Pet. Tailour			4
Joh. Heywode			6
Greg. Hill			4
Joh. Heywode, coriour			8
Elys Tailour			4
Joh. Pake			6
Hen. Cooke			8
Joh. Bradley			8
Tho. Dykons		4	0
Joh. Abram		5	0
Tho. Horne			4
Joh. Dryffeld			6
Rob. Hosier			6
Rob. Clerk		2	8
Rog. Kyngeley			4
Isab. Hayle			4
Will. Bolton			8
Tho. Maydeford		4	0
Tho. Thruston		4	0
[1] [2] Wotton, weu*er*		1	0
Rob. Archer			8
Joh. Belmon			4
Walt. Tyrell			8
Ric. Mildenale			6
Joh. Creeke[3]		1	0
Joh. Symond		4	0
Joh. ffreman		1	4
Dauid Baxster			6
Rob. Grene		1	8
Joh. Elderbek			8
Will. Gale		1	4
Tho. Illage		4	0
Joh. Multon		1	4
Joh. Sutton		3	4
Joh. Shadde		5	0
Ric. Recheford		2	8
Will. fflouter			4
Agn. Pynn*er*			4
Joh. Cressy		4	0
Ric. Clerk		1	8
Ric. Cotoner			8
Summa £10 4*s.* 0*d.*			

93 names.

Much-park-strete.

	£	s.	d.
Rob. Eme, card-maker			8
Tho. Sherman			8
Will. Grove, card-maker			8
Rob. Skille, sporiour		1	4
Will. Beverley, smyth		2	0
Will. Brid		4	0
Edm. Sherman		1	4
Joh. Steyner			8
Ric. Dene		5	4
Joh. fford			8
Will. Grene		4	0
Will. Betley		4	0
Joh. Clerke		10	0
Tho. Willot			8
Hen. Peyto		13	4
Rob. Mason		3	4
Will. Jones			8
Tho. Walsale		2	0
Joh. Leder		13	4
Joh*anna* Byfeld		8	0
Tho. Waren		3	4
Joh. Brayn, smith			8
Joh. Yong, baker			8
Joh. Ray		2	0
Tho. Norewyche			8
Hen. Hobbes		4	8
Joh. Atwall		2	0
Margareta Walkelen			8
Joh. Lee, smyth		4	0
Ric. Bromley		2	0
Ric. Burfrey		1	4
Joh. Derby		3	4
Joh. Coruyser			8
Tho. Warmynton		4	0
Ric. Staffordshire		2	0
Wal. Neuton			8
Joh. Cockes, weu*er*			8
Joh. Braylesford			8
Hen. Benet			8
Joh. Yate			4
Hen. Balle		1	0
Tho. Kyldraught			8
Nic. Overton			8
Tho. Peynter		4	0
Will. Charlton		4	0
Joh. Cale[4]		2	0
Will. Deyster		4	0
Will. Cleybroke		3	4
Joh. Tirvile			8
Joh. Steyn*our*			8
Eleanora l*e* Virgyn			8
[5] Tho. Burwey			8
Tho. Harres			8
Joh. Burnam			8
Joh. Hony, mylne*r*		1	4
Alex. Mylne*r*			8
Tho. More, mylner			8
Joh. ffilippes, quariour		1	4
Will. Peverell			8
Tho. Abell			8
Joh. Dyvet, carter		1	4
Ric. Tyler, mason		1	4
[1] Ston, werkman			8
Nic. More			8
Tho. Pawnton			8
Tho. Tough			8
Joh. Dilcok			8
Joh. Shergrynder		2	0
Nic. Gryve, Tiler		3	4
Will. ffermon			8
Will. Glasier		2	0
Kat*e*rina Asshow			8
[1] Onley, wir-drawer			8
Joh. Witham		2	0
Joh. Garton		4	0

[1] Blank. [2] leaf 75. [3] *Sic.* p. 125 Croke.
[4] *Sic.* ? Gale. [5] leaf 75, back.

Much-park-strete.

	£	s.	d.
Symond Mason			8
Joh. Braytoft		13	4
Tho. Tyler		2	0
Will. Osbern			4
Will. Molle			8
Tho. Tate		2	0
Rob. Hendeman		1	4
Ric. Knyghtley		2	0
Joh. Gosnore		4	0
Hen. Bug		2	0
Will. Southam		4	0
Rog. Shipston		1	4
Tho. Harper			4
Ric. Haddon			8
Ric. Coriour			4
Margareta Harries			8
Joh. Benet			8
Patr. Glasier			8
Summa £10 0*s.* 0*d.*			

124 names.

Erll-strete.

	£	s.	d.
Rob. Barbour		1	8
Joh. ffrankelen		2	0
Matill Harborgh		4	0
Joh*a*nna Skotte			8
Will. ffloure			8
Joh. Lyones		1	4
Nich. Russell		2	0
Joh. Caunter		1	4
Joh. Willowby		3	4
Tho. Morsby		1	4
Ric. Byfeld		1	4
Joh. Warant			1
Joh. Bere		1	0
Ad. Swete			1
Will. Broun			1
Walt. Assheby		2	8
Will. ffrisby			1
Joh. Motte		2	0
Joh. Hawkyns		1	4
Ric. Sharp			1
Joh. Bentley			8
Ric. Braytoft			1
Will. Cotoner		1	4
Tho. Reyuer		2	8
Tho. Owdeby		1	4
Joh. Colyns			8
Joh. Vnderwode		2	8
Tho. Swanne		2	8
Will. Swanne			1
Rob. Thede		2	8
Joh. Brian		2	8
Will. Donyngton		2	8
Joh. Perpoynt		2	8
[2]Jac. Glouer			6
Ric. Cologne			8
Joh. Goorge		2	0
Ric. Knyttesford		1	4
Agn. Crudworth		3	4
Tho. Bayly		1	4
Rad. Starky			8
Joh. Tempull			8
Joh. Radley		1	4
Will. Ednam		2	0
Will. Barbour			8
Will. Perte[3]		2	0
Galf. Drap*er*		3	0
Joh. Clerk		1	4
Joh*a*nna Brabson		2	8
Tho. Shermon		1	0
Joh. Shoteswell		1	4
Will. Madam			4
Ric. Butterley			8
Will*elmus ser*uiens Joh*ann*is Brabson			8
Will. Brewer			6
Will. Dey		1	4
Joh. Ryconjay			6
Will. Cowcher		1	4
Joh. Colman			6
Tho. Sturdy		1	4
Will. Broke			8
Joh. Ryvell			6
Joh. Waterfall		1	4
Agn. Couper			8
Tho. Glenne		3	0
Hen. Clerk		1	4
Joh. Hawton			8
Joh. Kyrkeby		1	4
Joh. Bedemaker, pynn*er*			8
Hen. Dalby		1	4
Alex. Barker			8
The Tailo*ur* that wedded the leches wyf			8
[1]			8
Nich. Broun			8
Joh*a*nna Northe-wode		8	0
Joh. Michell		8	0
Rob. Praty		2	0
Rob. ffysher			1
Joh. Stanbury			8
Ric. Nasshe		1	0
Tho. Shawe		1	0
Agn. Nores			1
[1]			8
Tho. Kirke		2	8
Hen. Louth, Taylour			8
Rob. Barnesley		1	4
Joh*a*nna Hosier		1	4
Nich. Palmer		2	8
Will. Crosse			8
Nich. Esterton			6
Tho. Crosse			1
Edm. Brogreve		3	0
Ric. Boys		3	0
Joh. Chacombe		2	0
Joh. Carles			6
Will. Daget		1	0
Will. Tolas [? Colas]		1	4
Joh. Euerdon		6	8
Joh. Burton		6	8
Will. Harold			8
Joh. Drayton			1
Tho. Swettenham		2	8
Alicia Annesley			2
Ric. Boton*er*		6	8
Will. Belg*raue*			8
David Wright		1	0
Will. Donyngton, Recorder		6	8
Ric. Revell		2	0
Will. Huyron			8
Ric. Welles, mason		2	0
Elys Skinner			8
Tho. Mason		1	0
[1] weu*er*			8
Joh. Bradley			8
Rob. Wildegryse		1	0
Joh. Gynne		3	5
Hen. Castron			8
Joh. Cronesford			8
Joh. Jones			8
Tho. Rede, skynn*er*			8
[4]Ric.[1]			4
,[1] Coruyser			8
Joh. Bullesdon, wright			8
Joh. Russheton			4
Tho. Ridware, skynner			8
Summa £11 7*s.* 4*d.*			

[1] Blank in MS. [2] leaf 76. [3] ? Perce. [4] leaf 76, back.

105 names.

Brodeyate.

	£	s.	d.
Rob. Lemynton, Tailour			6
Alicia Illage	1	0	
Joh. Mel[ton]			8
Joh. Locok			[1]
Joh. Blakamour	1	4	
Will. Spenser	1	4	
Will. fflekeney	2	0	
Joh. Bernard	2	0	
Tho. Barbour	1	0	
Tho. Ruyton	3	0	
Rog. Milner, Taylour			8
Joh. Hencote, Tailour			8
Joh. Yate			[1]
Joh. Yong			[1]
Hen. Sircok	6	0	
Rog. Cockes	3	0	
Rog. Coke			8
Joh. Marton			8
Walt. Paslowe	1	4	
Ric. Busshebury	6	8	
Joh. Cappe, coteler	2	0	
Will. Cockes			8
Joh. Malory	1	4	
vxor Ric. ffreman	1	8	
Joh. Huntley	1	4	
Rob. Persale			8
Ric. Morell	1	4	
Ric. Bromley, goldsmyth	1	0	
Ric. Essex			8
Joh. Nele, Taylour			8
Will. Dawbeny	1	8	
Joh. Archer	1	0	
Will. Marshall			8
Vxor Rob. Sporiour			8
Ric. Twyg			8
Hugo Manton	1	4	
Rad. Duffield	1	4	
Will. Draper			8
Will. Chaterton			3
Joh. Kele			4
Will. Barley			4
Will. Lyth[2]			4
Tho. Catter			4
Joh. Yerwell, coteler			4
Galf. Coteler			8
Will. Abram, shether	1	0	
Will. Shether	1	0	
Ric. Barwell	1	0	
Nic. Pikstaff			8
Joh. White			8
Joh. Solihull, wright			8
Joh. Harres			8
Ed. Coriour	1	4	
Ric. Styward			8
Tho. Lokyngton			8
Bened. Stokton			4
Ric. ffletcher			3
Joh. Barbour			4
Wal. Kyppyng			4
Tho. Wastell			4
Nic. Gore	2	8	
Sibell Janyns	1	0	
Joh. Nicoll, Coriour			8
Alicia ffox			8
Moricius Morewyk			4
Will. Walton, Cobeler			8
Egid. Allesley	6	8	
Will. ffoster			4
Will. Grene, skolemaister			4
Will. Canley			4
Will. Coteler			4
Will. Westbury			4
[3]Joh. Pigou			4
Tho. Ruydyng			4
Tho. Parker			4
Margeria ffisher			2
Joh. Chapman			2
Ric. Bystowe			4
Clem. Wirdrawer			4
Margeria Onley	1	0	
Joh. Basset			4
Rob. Peuterer			4
Ric. Couper	1	4	
Joh. Heges			4
Will. Willcotys	1	0	
Joh. Purs			4
Joh. Repyn[4]			4
Rob. Ingrewf			4
Hen. Westley			4
Joh. Bullesdon			4
Will. Wyresdale			4
Tho. Lyones	1	4	
Joh. Yong			4
Dav. Welsheman			4
Joh. Melton			4
Ric. Garton			8
Tho. Warde			4
Will. Tyler, wright			4
Ric. Walsale			4
Joh. Hare, mason			4
Nic. Jones			4
Joh. Robyns			4
Ric. Waterfall			4
Rob. Illyot			4
Tho. Godfrey			4
Summa £4 13*s.* 4*d.*			

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Smythford-strete.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Maynard	3	4	
Rog. Profet	1	8	
Alex. Bower			8
Will. Happeford	2	0	
Tho. Wodard	3	4	
Tho. Whitside	3	0	
Will. Rede	2	0	
Rob. Sherman	1	0	
Johanna Peuterer	1	4	
Tho. Tate	2	0	
Tho. Peuterer	3	4	
Joh. Bristowe	13	4	
Joh. Lynne	4	0	
Joh. fforest	2	0	
Ric. Holt			6
Ric. Wymondeswold	2	0	
Tho. Broun	4	0	
Will. Ive, smyth	1	8	
Joh. Kirkebank			8
Joh. Bowterode			4
Joh. Abowte			8
Hen. Balle			4
Reg. Bowyer	2	0	
Joh. Dey	2	0	
Rob. Barley			4
Rob. Haliday			8
Simond Awdeley			4
Joh. Jabet	1	8	
Ranulphus Plymner	1	0	
Johanna Holt			6
Rog. Rouke	2	0	
Joh. Blakemon, jun.			8
Joh. Hony	1	0	
Joh. Hampton	1	4	
Tho. Plymer			8
Joh. Blakeman, sen.	5	0	
Elena Rede			4
Joh. Onley	5	0	

[1] Blank in MS. [2] ? Heth, *v.* p. 177. [3] leaf 77. [4] p. 177, Rypon.

Smythford-strete.

	£	s.	d.
Tho. Joy		1	8
Ric. Osbern		4	0
[1]Will. Melodyne		2	0
Joh. Brewer			8
Joh. Hygreve		1	0
Joh. Kyngeston		3	4
Joh. Malory		1	8
Elys Taylour			10
Will. Gobeler			8
Joh. Outered		2	6
Rad. Bredon		1	4
Ric. Adlyngton			6
Tho. Whetecroft		1	0
Ric. fflynt		3	4
Agnes Colam			4
Margareta Abell		1	0
Will. Bolton, Coteler		1	4
Joh. Egeston		5	0
Joh*anna* Dier		2	0
Tho. Leche		1	4
Joh. London		1	0
Joh. Wypenbury		1	8
Marg*eria* Prescote		1	0
Joh. Glastenbury			8
Walt. Northfolk		3	4
Johanna Weram			6
Rob. Sturdy, Coteler			9
Joh. Peer			6
Joh. Adderbury			6
Tho. Hopkyns			8
Ric. Baxster			8
Ad. Deyster			4
Will. Heywode			8
Ric. Couper			8
Will. Bredon		1	0
Will. Mariot			8
Nich. Sadeler		1	4
Joh. Braunston, jun.		1	0
Joh. Braunston, sen.		6	8
Elis Barbour			4
Joh. Metburn		1	0
Joh. ffrankelen, jun.			6
Ric. Peche, skynn*er*		1	4
Joh. Wilde		1	8
Will. Jones		3	0
Joh. Gode		1	0
Isabella Tyburton			6
Margeria Bowyer		4	0
Marg*eria* Ive & Will. fil*ius* eius		6	0
Joh. Nele, su*m*nour		1	8
Joh. Swanlond		1	0
Joh. Nele, coruys*er*		2	0
Rog. ffletcher		1	4
Summa £8 0*s.* 0*d.*			

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Spon-strete.

	£	s.	d.
Will. Awbrey		1	0
Joh. Bette		1	0
Joh. Hasclyf[2]		1	8
Joh. Grynder		4	0
Joh. Stoneley		1	0
Tho. Rastell		4	0
Joh. Esex		5	0
Alic*ia* Paynell		6	8
Joh. Mersche		2	8
Ric. Shistoke		2	0
Tho. Pratte		1	4
Joh. Sissetur		1	8
Joh. Waren, coruyser		1	8
Joh. Gurdelesford		1	0
Will. Allesley		1	0
Will. Pere		3	4
Gervasius Cole		3	0
Will. Pars			6
Joh. Bette			8
Edw. Laborer			8
Joh. Menley		4	0
Will. Welles		2	8
[3]Rog. Iremonger		4	0
Will. Pratte		3	0
Joh. Derby, deist*er*			6
Joh. Lote		4	0
Tho. Irysshe		1	0
Joh. Broun		4	0
Joh. Brette		1	0
Joh. Sewen		3	0
Ric. Pulter			6
Egid. Corbrond		3	4
Hugo Rogeley		1	0
Tho. Tokeby		3	8
Joh. Honyburn		3	4
Joh. Naylston			4
Joh. Molle		2	8
Will. Kerver		10	0
Joh. Deyster		6	0
Joh. Chester		3	0
vx*or* Will. Broun			6
Joh. Blakenale			6
Emma Marnam } Joh. Saunders }		2	0
Reg. Whittawer		1	0
Rob. Milner		1	0
Joh. Bullok			8
Hen. Taylour			9
Ric. Corby			6
Joh. Eyre		2	0
Rob. Hache			8
Simon Busteler		2	0
Ric. Rows			6
Joh. Brere		1	0
ffelicia Astley			8
Tho. Tewe			10
Joh*anna* Brysaldon			4
Joh. Lote		2	0
Joh. Knyghtley		1	4
Joh. Burbage		3	0
Hen. Holt		3	0
Joh. Broun		1	0
Ric. Welford		4	0
Will. Stokton			6
Joh. Acaws			6

vide pl*ura* no*min*a de ista warda, qui (*sic*) soluer*unt* dom*in*o Regi, ut sup*ra*, folio tercio subsequente post ward*am* de Bayly-lane.[4]

[5]Pars warde Spon-strete.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Harres		2	8
Joh. Hegges			8
Joh. Howdon[6]		1	0
Tho. Harper			6
Will. Roper			4
Joh. Cowper			6
Joh. Vpton		1	0
Joh. Pen		1	0
Tho. Lenton			8
Tho. Archer		1	0
Joh. Baxster			8
Joh. Wynfeldon			8
Tho. Morton			6
Joh. Stoke			6
Galf. Tygen		1	0
Dav. Yong			8

[1] leaf 77, back. [2] or Hastlyf. [3] leaf 78.
[4] I have transposed these names from leaf 81. [5] leaf 81. [6] Howden, co. York.

Spon-strete.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Benet, Typper			4
Joh. Wylnale			6
Joh. Thornton	2	0	
Joh. Stone			6
Rog. Balle	3	0	
Walt. Bulker	2	8	
Ric. Rede	2	0	
Hugo Steyne	4	0	
Ric. Baxster	1	11	
Joh. Gamull			6
Joh. Hamond			6
Will. Spenser	2	2	
Joh. Cockes, walker			10
Tho. Caldwell	1	0	
Will. Myles	1	6	
Tho. Smyth	2	0	
Will. Slede			4
Tho. Straunge	1	7	
[1]Paunton			8
Galf. Capper			8
Joh. Plasterer	3	0	
[2]Joh. Levyng			4
Rob. Boteler	2	0	
Laur. Huyson			8
Ric. Taylour			3
Moric. White	3	0	
Mat. White	6	0	
Ric. Kersyman			4
Ric. Capper	3	0	
Joh. Bulkeley			6
Joh. Melton, sadeler			8
Joh. Chiry			6
Hen. Brown			6
Rog. Barton			6
Ric. Huyton			6
Joh. Smyth			6
Rob. Grynder	1	0	
Hugo Milner	3	6	
Joh. West			5
Will. Bate	1	4	
Joh. Westley	1	0	
Joh. Couper	1	0	
Rog. Wales	2	8	
Joh. Wamburn			8
Rob. Bulkley	3	4	
Joh. Balle	2	0	
Tho. Bayly			6
Joh. Tykell			6
Rad. Okes	1	6	
Hugo Barbour	1	8	
Agn. Goldsmyth			6
Joh. Baxster	2	0	
Tho. Saumson			8
Will. Hardewyk	2	0	
Ric. Walford			8
Joh. Hadley	3	9	
Will. Stone	2	0	
Nic. Smyth	1	0	
Tho. Brid	1	4	
Hen. Prynse			6
Nic.[1]			3
Summa £11 7*s.* 4*d.*			

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[3]Bysshop-strete.

	£	s.	d.
Ric. Cardyff			8
Will. Yong			8
Joh. Auger	2	0	
Joh. Lychefeld	8	0	
Joh. Welles			4
Hugo Cartwright	1	0	
Ric. Tomson	1	4	
Rob. Crudworth, mynstrel			4
Walt. Trig	2	8	
Tho. Carter	2	0	
Joh. Wright			6
Rob. Weston	2	8	
Joh. Shilton, Tailour			8
Rob. Barbour			8
Joh. Couper	1	4	
Wil. Couper	2	0	
Sim. More	1	0	
Tho. Lesyngham			4
Rog. Lesyngham	2	0	
Joh. Wodecote			[1]
Joh. Span, coruyser			6
Will. ffelde	1	4	
Joh. ffreman	1	0	
Tho. Walgraue	2	4	
Tho. Smyth	1	0	
[4]Joh. Plomer			4
Will. Trewman	1	0	
Will. Richardson	2	0	
Tho. Broun	1	0	
Ric. Tedde	1	0	
Will. Wymondswold	6	0	
Tho. Broun, weuer	1	8	
Alicia Widowe			4
Tho. Cleybroke	2	0	
Joh. Sandon			8
Tho. Hawkeslow	2	0	
Tho. Smyth			8
Joh. Savaye			8
Ric. Pyne			6
Simond Wright	1	4	
Rad. Smyth			4
Joh. Mathewe			4
Joh. Cleybroke			8
Edw. Pyne			4
Hen. Smyth			4
Paulus Weuer			4
Tho. Clerke, laborer			4
Will. Horsley	2	0	
Will. Russheton			8
Persyvale Werkman[5]			4
Breymerus Mason[5]			8
Hugo Shaw, jun.			8
Nic. Harold, Bitter[6]			4
Will. Iressheman			4
Rog. Gose	1	0	
Seruiens Tho. Stafford			4
Tho. Stafford	2	0	
Will. Aubenie			8
Will. Wylkyns	5	0	
Joh. White	1	0	
Tho. Sponer			8
Tho. Shawe			4
Sampson Wever[5]			4
Ric. Waren	1	0	
Ric. Cockes, Cotoner			4
Will. Daventry, glasier			4
Tho. Cockes, ffyssher	1	4	
Joh. Walker			8
Will. Wythiford	4	0	
Joh. Broun			4
Joh. ffethy			8
Joh. Bryn			4
Joh. Bylston			8
Galf. Taylour			4
Joh. Grene	3	4	
Joh. Golde	5	0	
Joh. Welford	3	4	
Will. Chapman			4
Joh. Edward			8
Dav. Mores			4
Tho. Sulby	1	4	
Agn. Maltman			4
Hen. Wright			4

[1] Blank in MS. [2] leaf 81, back. [3] leaf 78. [4] leaf 78, back.
[5] Not clear whether occupation or surname. [6] *v.* Gloss.

Bysshop-strete.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Kebull		3	4
Joh. Waldyf		1	0
Rob. Baxster			4
Ric. Cockes, baxster			8
Will. Smyth, weu*er*			4
Ric. Chichester		2	6
Joh. Stokton			4
Joh. Hampton		4	0
Pet. Miln*er*		1	0
Joh. Sompton		1	0
Ric. fillipes		3	4
[1]Bardford			4
Will. Rolf			4
Tho. Weuer			8
Will. Humburston		2	0
Joh. of the Hoode			4
Tho. Barbour, weu*er*		1	0
[2]Ric. Harberd			8
Will. Neuton		2	6
Joh. Chacombe, coruys*er*			8
Tho. Sadeler			8
[1]Wright			4
Hugo Shawe		5	0
Will. Bate		1	0
Joh. Powes, wright			8
Matill. Profette & fil*ius* eius		2	0
Tho. Eton			4
Ric. Clerk		1	4
Ric. Spicer		2	4
Tho. Waren, wright		1	4
Eliott Coruyser[3]			4
Joh. Seele			4
Joh*a*nna Palmer			6
Will. Warrewyk		2	0
Joh*a*nna Walg*r*aue		4	4
Joh. Tebbe		1	0
Joh. Lyncoln		1	4
Will. Lichefeld		1	0
Rob. Cooke			4
Rob. Southam		10	0
Will. Garet			8
Will. Lusterley		1	8
Tho. Wodcok		2	0
Will. Bette			8
Joh. Barres			4
Tho. Chester, glou*er*			4
Joh. Couper		1	8
Nic. Hulle		1	0
Hen. Hulle		1	0
Ric. Pisford			8
Joh. ffolvile		2	0
Joh. ffyndon			8
Joh. Reynold			8
Will. Kemp		3	4
Tho. s*er*uiens Will. Kemp			4
Tho. Wardyghter			4
Hugo Ryse			4
Ric. Lorde			4
S*er*uiens Joh. Lusterley			8
Rog. Holbeche		1	0
[1]Mores, Bocher		3	4
Ed. Bitter			4
Rob. Wright			4
[1]ffyndon, jun.			4
Thom. Spon*er*			4
Nic. Laborer[3]			4
Will. Sowle			4
Will. Smyth, laborer			4
Ed. Drouer		5	0
Moric. Sawyer			4
Rog. Taylour		3	4
Tho. Smyth			8
Joh. Stafford		2	6
Joh. Bitter			4
Alex. Barker		1	4
Joh. Dormesa			4
Ric. Wyche[4]			4
Will. Smyth, wright			8
Nic. Cook			4
Hen. Baxster			4
Ric. Alrestre			4
Will. Bydell			4
Rob. Owtrede			4
Joh. Alys			4
Nic. Taylour			3
[1]fforest, wright			4
Will. Brynton			4
Will. Tuttebury			3
[1]Morley, walker			4
Margareta Stanffeld			4
Hen. Deyst*er*			4
Will. Wyngode			8
Ric. Glouer		1	0
Laur. Bette			8
Will. Sawyer			6
[5]Joh. Tewe			4
Joh. Pynne			4
Hen. Walker		1	8
Joh. Attewode		1	4
[1]Walsale, weu*er*			8
Moric. Steynour			8
Ric. Bylston			4
Joh. Stokes, Tailour			8
Tho. Sewker			4
Rob. Denyver			4
Will. Raby			4
[1]Halywode			4
Will. Tryske[6]			4
Tho. Tebbe			4
Ric. Tomkyns			4
Joh. Delamare			4
Tho. Wakefeld			4
Galf. Polle			4
Joh. Parker			8
Su*mma* £11 6*s.* 0*d.*			

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Cros-chepyng.

	£	s.	d.
Rob. ffletcher		1	8
Dav. Bulwyk			8
Will. Tauerner			8
Joh. Multon, spicer			8
Rob. Melburn		6	8
Rob. Grubber		6	0
Will. Prentes		2	0
Joh. Otewalle		4	0
Tho. Garton		1	0
Joh. Doughty		6	0
Guydo Draper[3]		2	0
Joh. Henware			6
Joh. Nele		4	0
Margareta Breux		5	0
Hen. Banbury		1	4
Will. Hende		1	4
Tho. Swanlond		1	4
Joh. Milner		2	0
Ric. Lane		1	8
Ric. Harborgh		1	8
Will. Radclyf		3	0
Rad. Chaundeler		5	0
Will. Bedon		2	0
Joh. ffrithe		1	8
Nic. Smyth		3	0
Joh. Marchall			6
Will. Aderton		1	4

[1] Blank. [2] leaf 79. [3] Not clear whether occupation or surname.
[4] A certain Ric. Wiche was burnt as a Lollard in London in 1439.
[5] leaf 79, back. [6] Probably Thirsk, co. York.

Cros-chepyng.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Apelby		3	4
Tho. Kerdyf		1	0
Nic. Taylour, wirdrawer		1	4
Will. Syvetare		1	4
Joh. Wright		1	4
Joh. Purdon			8
Margareta Jatkyns			8
Nic. Burbury		1	0
Joh. Manton			4
Ric. Joy	10	0	
Pet. Shefeld			6
Joh. Bylston			8
Tho. Holybryg		1	0
Hen. Aderton		2	0
Will. Dyvet		1	8
Alicia Parker			10
Joh. Lokier			8
Laur. Sutton		1	4
Joh. Bylston, barbour		1	4
Ric. Illage			6
Joh. Sutton		1	8
Tho. Goloffre			8
[1]Ric. Drought		1	4
Nic. Grene		2	0
Tho. Bredon		3	0
Joh. Bandy		3	0
Joh. ffysher			8
Ric. Penson		3	0
Tho. Norwyche		3	0
Joh. Wetoft		3	0
Will. Hosier		1	8
Tho. Bayly			8
Tho. Bassingburn		4	0
Joh. Boteler		4	0
Joh. Eborall		1	8
Joh. Iveley		1	4
Joh. Brasse			8
Joh. Colyns		3	4
Joh. Yong		1	8
Joh. Shenston			8
Tho. Alen		2	0
Will. Mason		2	0
Tho. Goldsmyth		1	8
Joh. Botte [?Bette]		3	0
Ric. Bedon		1	4
Johanna Cooke		1	0
Simon Payne		1	8
Tho. Doff			6
Joh. Marchall			6
Tho. Clerk, coriour			6
Mat. Allerton, wayte		2	0
Joh. Coucher			4
Joh. Maysbroke			4
Rob. Mors		3	4
Joh. fflaxhale			6
Will. Huyton		6	8
Ric. Spicer		2	0
Hugo Cariour			6
Tho. Swayne		3	4
Joh. Stille		6	0
Rob. Seriaunt		1	8
Joh. Cade			8
Joh. Coriour			6
Joh. Warde		3	0
Will. Heyes		2	0
Hen. Euerdon			8
Will. Meke		2	0
Will. Nuport			6
Will. Huet		4	0
Will. Stoneley		1	0
Joh. Shepey, Coriour			4
Joh. Prentes			4
Will. Gylyon		1	0
Juliana Dyssher			8
Joh. Colyns, barbour		2	8
Joh. Launder			8
Tho. Cobeler			6
David de le Priory			4
Joh. Blokley			8
Edw. Dilcok	10	0	
Will. Barbour			8
Joh. Baker de Priory			4
Will. Boteler			6
Joh. Hayly		1	0
Joh. Barbour		1	4
Will. Garen			4
Will. Dey		5	0
Will. Bynley		1	4
Agn. Westbury			8
Ric. Peyntour		2	0
Joh. Weston, summour		1	8
Joh. Huet, mason		2	8
Joh. Wright, bocher		1	4
Tho. Dokon			4
Will. Lyllynton		1	4
Tho. Lyllynton		2	0
Golf. Wulpyner		2	0
Joh. Vynsent			8
Will. Norton		1	4
[2]Tho. Whyght		2	8
Joh. Imayne		2	0
Ric. Imayne			4
Rob. Hare		2	0
Nich. Bocher			8
Hen. Wydwell		1	4
Rad. Hull		3	0
Joh. Wynwyke			8
Hen. Taverner			8
Hen. Rondull		4	0
Joh. Marchall			8
Will. Manton			4
Joh. Northampton		4	0
Ric. Lyrpull		1	11
Rob. Burn		4	0
Joh. Bynley			8
Ric. Wouer[?Weuer]		3	4
Elisabeth Lyrpull		1	0
Joh. Nuport		2	0
Joh. Halle		4	11
Joh. Lyllynton		1	4
Will. Deyster		3	4
Tho. Leyghton		1	0
Summa £14 10*s.* 0*d.*			

82 names.

Bayly-lane.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Merston		3	0
Joh. Thorp			4
Will. Langcastell			4
Joh. Harborgh		2	0
Joh. Bryan		3	0
Joh. Hornby			8
Joh. Whitley		2	8
Rob. Spenser			8
Tho. Dyvet		1	0
Hen. Watford		2	0
Will. Wylde			4
Will. Warde		1	4
Johanna Bryd			4
Joh. Sircok		4	0
Will. Harborgh		1	0
Ric. Deyster		1	8
Ric. Godefrey			6
Ric. Dyvet		3	0
Hen. Wright			4
Will. Oteley		1	4
Nic. Edwarde			8
Joh. Alen		2	8
Joh. Bradley			8
Joh. Cardmaker		1	0

[1] leaf 80. [2] leaf 80, back.

Bayly-lane.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Boteler		1	8
Joh. Straunge			4
Will. Wright		1	0
Tho. Jakemon		1	8
Will. Westley			8
Ric. Goddesley			8
Katerina Crossely			4
Will. Grauncester			8
Joh. Maxsey		4	0
Wal. Clerke			6
Ric. ffurnes			8
Tho. Wyrley		4	6
Joh. Plymer		3	0
Joh. Spenser		4	0
Ric. Tokeby		1	0
Rad. Cotoner		1	0
Ric. Perbrown		2	0
Joh. Mylet		1	0
Tho. Peuterer		2	8
Ric. Smale			8
Joh. Bechamp		2	6
Joh. Wyche, peuterer			8
[1]Will. Broke		4	0
Joh. Louthe		1	0
Joh. Langestell			6
Ric. Julyans		1	4
Joh. Ronton		10	0
Joh. Hulle		3	4
Joh. Yate		2	0
Joh. Joyner		1	0
Joh. Wyche		2	0
Tho. Coriour			4
Hen. Walton			8
Ric. Clerke		1	4
Ric. Plymer		2	0
Joh. Skille		2	0
Joh. Chambur			6
Joh. ffrankelen		4	0
Joh. Power		1	4
Rob. Herdwyke		2	6
Tho. Loke		2	0
Joh. Burbage		1	8
Joh. Gryme		3	4
Rog. Wodard		1	4
Tho. Gryme		1	0
Joh. Bayle		1	4
Rob. Gloucester		2	0
Will. Clerke		3	0
Joh. Oderyche		2	0
Rob. Styff		2	0
Joh. Crosse		3	0
Joh. Haddon		1	0
Hen. Brid		1	8
Simon Harfrey		1	0
Joh. Bordale		3	0
Joh. Gylberd		2	8
Hen. Typper			4
Alicia ffloytour			4
Summa	£7	0*s.*	0*d.*

MICHAELMAS LEET.

Oct. 4.

[2] [3][V. f. p. held on Monday after Michaelmas, 13 Hen. IV.]

Jury of 23.

Egid. Allesley, Laur. Coke, Joh. Leder, Hen. Peyto, Tho. Wildegrysse, Joh. Braytoft,[4] Ric. Joy, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Brampston, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botone*r*, Will. Kerver, Joh. Licheffeld, Ric. Busshebury, Will. Swanne, Joh. Waraunt, Joh. Esex, Ad. Swette, Joh. Stelle, Dyste*r*, Ric. Braytoft.

Bailiffs.

[Will. ffrysby, Joh. Doughty.]

Orders of leet.

A gallon of new ale for ½*d.* and stale for 1*d.*

They orden that breusters selle a galon of good ale whill hit is newe ffor ob. q[a]., and when h*i*t ys stale ffor j d., eue*r*y man & eue*r*y woman, a-pon the peyne off vj s. viij d. at eue*r*y defaute to þe vse of þe Cite; allso þ*a*t they Galon, pottell and quart be made acordant to the stondart.

The sergeants to warn those who have been distrained upon, or 3*s.* 4*d.* fine.

Also the orden that the seriauntes off the stresse Rolle warn eue*r*y man, [5]be hym self or his neyghbour,[5] that is in the Roule defendant eue*r*y fourtenyght ones or elles eue*r*y iij wekes atte lest, eue*r*y se*r*iaunt opon þe peyne of xl d. at eue*r*y trespas, to be leuyed to þe vse off

[1] leaf 81. [2] leaf 90, duplicated leaf 64. [3] Scribe C.
[4] MS. Brayftot. [5–5] Interlined and not on f. 64.

After the third holding of the court the defaulter is to be arrested.

þe Towne. And þat no man ffro þis tyme ren no lenger in þe stresse Role issues ne indymentes[1] (*sic*) but iij Courte dayes, & then to be returned to a Capias, and so attached to Com to onsuere.

The attendance of the Forty-eight.

Also the ordeyne that they meire tak xlviij off þe most worthiest men that arn at home present, euery man that Comyth not [see for penalties p. 157].[2]

The river.

The ordeyne tha[t] the Reuer be elarged be ouerseiȝt off þe meire, and þat euery man voide hit ffor his parte[3] off hys tenement, vpon þe peyne off xx s.

The ordeyne þat the Comen sergeant Clense and haue away all þe filth at þe Costes off the towne with-Inne þis moneth, vndur þe peyne off dimidie marce to be paied by they Chamburlens.

A swain for the swine.

[4] They orden that they haue a swon as þey were wont to haue, and þat they þat [5]that haue their swyn before hym paye hym,[5] or elles the Comyn sergeuant distreyne hym ffor þe payment by sufficiant distresse.

"No orders off Crafts to be good except Alowed by þe mayor & his bretheren." Millers.

["Caves" and ordinances made by the crafts are all void; none to be made without the assent of the mayor and council, on pain of a £20 fine to the town wall.]

The orden þat melners Grynde ffrohensfurth for vjd. a quarter, and so after that rate without Toll [6]takyng, vppon the peyn of dim. marce at euery defaut.[6]

A FIFTEENTH.

Nov. 11, 1434.

[7][The following collected the fourth part of a fifteenth "de *festo* S. Martini Epi*scop*i," 13 Hen. VI.]

Gosford[*-street.*] Joh. Sheldon, Joh. Brabon, Tho. Stoone, Hen. Coton. £1 9s. 0d.

Jurdenwell. Tho. Eldurbek, Joh. Sutton, Cardmaker, Will. Gale, Joh. Rocheford. £1 5s. 6d.

Much[*park-street.*] Rob. Mason, Tho. Tiler, Ed. Sharman, Tho. Tate. £1 5s. 0d.

[1] "ne in indytementes," f. 64. Insignificant variations between the two versions are not noted.
[2] Here the duplication ends.
[3] & or "a" in MS. The writing is slovenly and almost illegible with frequent deletions. [4] leaf 90, back.
[5–5] In the hand of scribe B, who fills up the gap left by scribe C. Probably the former supervised the latter's writing.
[6–6] In Scribe B.'s hand. [7] leaf 82. Scribe A.

Erle[*-street.*] Joh. Moote, Will. Donyngton, Joh. Clerke, tailo*ur*, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Thede. £1 8s. 5d.

Baill[*y-lane.*] Rob. Herdwike, Joh. Gylberd, Tho. Jakemon, Joh. Harbourgh. 17s. 8d.

Brodeyate. Joh. Yate, Joh. Locok, Joh. Yong, spori-our, Ric. Morrell. 11s. 8d.

Smyth[*ford-street.*] Joh. Maynard, Tho. Carbonell, Joh. Wylde, Will. Melodyne. £1 0s. 0d.

Spoon-[*street.*] Ric. Austen, Capper, Ric. Shustoke, Will. Wellys, Joh. Sewyn. £1 8s. 5d.

Crosch[*epyng.*] Will. Deist*er*, boch*er*, Will. Bromwiche, Sim. Payn, Joh. ffryth, smyth. £1 16s. 4d.

[1]*Welstrett.* Will. Kemp, Joh. Awger, Will. Humburston, Ric. fylipes. £1 8s. 3d.

JOHN EVERDON, MAYOR, 1435.

[2][Election of new officers.] Jan. 25.

Ric. Sharp, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Braytoft, Ric. Joy, Egid. Allesley, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Botone*r*, Joh. Warant, Rob. Southam, Ric. Busshebury, Will. Swanne, Joh. Egeston, Joh. Deyster, wollemon, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Lee, Tho. Crosse, Joh. Onley, Will. Wymondeswold, Joh. Dilcok, Will. Brid, Joh. Boteler. Electors.

[m. Joh. Euerdon; cor. Joh. Whalley; ch. Will. Brown, drape*r*, Joh. Brian; w. Joh. Lusterley, Ric. Braytoft; mace Will. Oxton.] Officers.

[They ordain that an assize of novel disseisin shall be purchased against W. Dorsett, dyer, concerning an annual rent of 6*s.* coming from a tenement of which the mayor and community are seised.]

Eciam ordinat*um* est ad hunc diem q*uo*d assisa noue disse*isine* erit p*er*quisita[3] (*sic*) p*er* maiore*m* & Com*muni*tatem (etc.) *ver*sus Will. Dorsette de Couentre, deist*er*,[4] de quodam annuo Reddit*u* sex solid*orum* exeunte de quodam ten*emento* in Couentre nup*er* Edwardi Lichefeld, vnde maior & Com*muni*tas p*redicti* fuerun*t* seisiati, etc.

[1] Usually Bishop Street. [2] leaf 83, Scribe of B. type.
[3] *i. e.* prosecuted. *v.* Gloss [4] *v.* p. 135. Dorset was to be evicted.

J. Ps. [Joh. Euerdon, m., Will. Donyngton, rec., Ric. Sharp M. G. S. T., Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wyldegryse, Joh. Braytoft.

Key-keepers. The same except the recorder and Joh. Braytoft.]

EASTER LEET.

"Couentre." April 23. Jury of 25. [1][V. f. p. held before Joh. Everdon, m.,[2] on Saturday in Easter week, 13 Hen. VI.] Laur. Cooke, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Bray[to]ft, Ric. Joy, Joh. Bristowe, Egid. Allesley, Joh. Michell, Joh. Rontton, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerke. Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Busshebury, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warant, Will. Swanne, Rob. Southam, Hen. Sircok Will. Bird, Joh. Brian, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Lee, hosier, Ric. Dene, Joh. Onley, Joh. Whalley.

Orders of leet. No fuller to stretch cloth on the tenter that is sold for wet cloth. They orden that no walker off the Cite of Couentre ne non oder man Shall Rakke no Clothe on the Tey[n]tur that schall be solde ffor wette-clothe, [or 6s. 8d. to the town wall.]

Cloth to be stretched to the utmost. And yffe ony man that woll haue hys Clothe Rakked, that þe walkers abovesayde and all other Rakk hit to the vtmast as they han don affore this tyme, but they shull make non hengers[3] off Clothe so Rakked, apon the peyne to lose at euer*i* defaute vj s. viij d. to the vse of the Towne walle to be rered.

The saddlers and painters to be contributory to the card-makers' pageant. The orden that the Sadelers and the peyntours off The Cite of Couentre be fro this tyme fforward Contrebetory vnto þe paiont off the Cardemakers, and tha[t] þey paye as the Cardemakers don yerly, vppon the peyne off C s. to be payd to þe vse off þe Chamburlens.

LOAN TO THE KING.

May 28, 1435. King's letter [4]Memorand*um* that ther was a letter send be our soue*r*en lorde the kyng to the meire and bayllyves and oder notabull p*er*sons, and to the good comi*n*alte of the Cite of Couentre, for to Cheues[5] of V^{c} marc', of the whiche l*ettr*e the Tenour folowth in thes wordes:—

Be the kyng.

Trusty and wel-beloued, for alsomyche as we now late

[1] Scribe C., leaf 88, back. [2] Bailiffs omitted. [3] *v.* p. 188.
[4] leaf 83, back. Scribe of B. type. [5] = to raise (money).

instantly required, as well be solempne ambassates as be lettres of our holy fadur, the pope, the generall conceile, our broder the emperour, Vncle of Burgoyne, and many oder, to entende vnto the menes of pees to be tretede bitwix vs & our aduersarie in our Reaume of ffraunce, be condessended to send our solempne ambassiate of the lordes of our blode and oder in grete noumbre to mete with thambassiatours of our seid aduersarie at Arras[1] the furst dey of Jule next comeng; for whiche cause of necessite we must sende also atte same tyme in-to our seid Reame of ffraunce a great armee to holde the felde, the whiche thyng, as ye in your discression can well consider, may in no wyse be don namely so soone withe-outten grete eid of cheuesance of our trewe ffrendes and subgitt*is*, to the whiche aid attis tyme we han founde our leal vncle, the Cardenall,[2] and the remenaunt of our counsell and oder about our person, as well spirituele as temporell, as well willed as our hert can desire; notwithestondyng that many of hem at our prayer shall goo vnto the seid conuencion in ther persons. We desire & preye you that consideryng the grete goode whiche we trist to our Lorde shall ensue of pees[3] thynges before rehersed, ye confourmyng you vnto oder of your astate, like as ye han do right kyndely at all tymes, ye wold attis tyme lene vnto vs the summe of V^{c} marc, for the whiche our Tresorer of Englonde shall make vnto you be autorite of parlyment such surtees for your repayment as he makithe vnto our seid leall vncle, the Cardenall, and the remenant of our counsell, and oder that lene semblable summes and gretter vnto vs in this necessete. The whiche summe we prey you to be delyuered vnto our seid Tresorer at London atte oeptaues[4] of the Trynite next comeng atte ferrest, as ye desire the wurship and wele of vs, and the conseruacion of bothe our Reames. Yeuen vnder our priue seale at West-m[ynstre], the xxviij day of May.

concerning the council of Arras,

asking for a loan

of 500 marks,

upon the same security as Cardinal Beaufort and others,

to be delivered on the octave of Trinity Sunday.

[1] Congress of Arras was opened Aug. 4, 1435. It was an unsuccessful attempt at mediation between the French and English.

[2] Cardinal Beaufort.

[3] ? Something omitted.

[4] "oeptaves" occurs in 1389 in *Proc. and Ord. Privy Counc.*, I. p. 12*a*. (Mr. Stevenson).

£100 granted,

Wheruppon the meire & the baillies & odur wurthy & discrete men of this Cite lat make an halle of all the substance of this Citie, among whom this letter Rad and vnderstonden, [it] was Grauntede that our seid soueren lorde shulde haue C li. be wey of lone, and that shuld be gedered be the wardes of this Cite in the forme as herafter folouthe.

91 names.

Spon-strete.

£	s.	d.
+Will. Tailour	1	4
+Ric. Shermen	1	0
+Joh. Bette	1	0
+Ric. Capmaker	5	0
+Joh. Gryndar	5	6
+Joh. Stonley	1	0
+Tho. Rastell	6	8
+Joh. Esex	6	0
+Alicia Paynell	6	8
+Joh. Marche	1	4
+Ric. Shustoke	3	4
+Joh. Sirseter	2	0
+Joh. Gurdelsford	1	0
+Will. Allesley		8
+Agn. Goldsmyth		8
+Will. Peere	6	0
+Gervas. Cole	4	0
+Joh. Menley	6	0
+Will. Welles	3	4
+Rog. Wilnale	4	0[1]
+Will. Pratte	3	4
+vx*or* Joh. Lote, wright	2	0[2]
+Tho. Irisshe		8[3]
+Joh. Broun	5	0[4]
+Joh. Brette	1	0
+Joh. Sewyn	1	2
+Egid. Colbrond	5	0
+Joh. Molle	3	4
+Tho. Tokeby	2	0
+Joh. Honyburn	3	4
+Will. Keru*er*	10	0
+Joh. Deister	6	8
+Joh. Chester	3	4[5]
+[6]Joh. Blakeney	1	0
+Reg. Whittawer	1	0
+Rob. Milner	1	4
+Ric. Bulloke	1	4
+Hen. ffisher, Tailo*ur*		8
+Joh. Eyre	3	4
+Sim. Busteler	3	4
+Rob. Bulkeley		8
+Tho. Tewe		6
+Joh. Lote	3	0
+Joh. Burbage	2	0
+Hen. Holt	3	4
+Ric. Burbage	1	4
+Tho. Broun	1	8
+Ric. Welford	6	8
+Joh. Harres	4	0
+Nic. Perines, Barker		8
+Rob. Smyth Coruyser		8
+Gal. Tygull	1	0
+ Chaundeler		8
+Joh. Brasier	1	0
+Rog. Balle	3	4
+Wal. Bulker	3	4
+Hugo Steyne	4	0[7]
+Will. Baker	1	0
+Will. Spenser	2	0
+Tho. Cauldenall		8
+Rob. Miles	1	0
+Tho. Walker	2	0
+Tho. Straunge	1	8
+Gal. Capper	1	0
+Joh. Plasterer	5	0
+Rob. Boteler	2	0
+Hugo Wright		8[8]
+Laur. Yrn		8
+Will. Deist*er*, weu*er*		8
+vxor Math. White	5	0
+Sim. Mores	4	0
+Hugo Mulne*r*	1	0
+Joh. Peuterer		8
+Elias Drap*er*	1	0[9]
+Joh. Westley, weu*er*	1	0
+Tho. Pratte	1	4
+Rog. Wales	1	2
+Joh. Whamburn	1	0
+Rob. Baxster	4	0[10]
+Joh. Balle	1	8
+Wal. Northefolk	4	0
+Rad. Okes	1	8
+Hugo Barbour	3	0
+Agn. Smyth		8
+Joh. Inglond, baker	2	0[11]
+Tho. Saunsom	1	8
+Ric. Walford	1	8[11]
+Joh. Hadley	3	4
+Will. Stone	3	4
+Nic. Smyth	1	8
Summa £11	6*s.*	8*d.*

[1] "*per* ffynch" added in different ink. The crosses which precede the names have also been added later, probably when the payments were made.
[2] re*cepti per* Joh. Lote, weu*er*.
[3] xij d. vij c ? added. [4] *per* fili*um*. [5] re*cepti per* Starky.
[6] leaf 84. [7] *per* Suettenham & Goolde.
[8] re*cepti per* Marsche, taylo*ur*. [9] *per* fili*um*. [10] *per* Starky.
[11] *per* maiore*m*.

59 names.

Smythford-strete.

	£	s.	d.
+Joh. Maynard		5	0
+Rog. *Pro*fette, glou*cer*		3	0
+Alex. Bowyer		1	0
+Will. Happeford		3	0
+Tho. Wodward		5	0
+Joh. ffynch		3	4
+Will. Reede		3	0
+Rob. Coton*er*		1	0
+Joh*a*nna Peuterer		3	0
+Tho. Peuterer		5	0
+Joh. Bristowe		10	0
+Joh. Lynne		6	0
+Joh. fforest		3	0
+Ric. Wymondeswold		2	0
+Tho. Broun		5	0
+Will. Ive		1	2[1]
+Reg. Bowyer		4	0
+Joh. Dey		3	0
+Ranulph Plumer		1	8
+Alanus Tayler		1	0
+[2]Rog. Osborn		3	0
+Joh. Hampton		1	0
+Tho. Plomm*er*		1	0
+Joh. Blakemon		6	0
+Joh. Onley		6	8
+Tho. Joye		2	0[2]
+[3]Rog. Osborn		6	0
+Will. Melodyne		3	0
+Ric. Co[u]pper		1	0
+Joh. Hygreve		1	0
+Joh. Kyngston		4	0
+Joh. Malory		1	6[4]
+Rad. Bredon		2	0
+Ric. fflynt		4	0
+Tho. Whetecroft		1	0[5]
+Joh*a*nna Dyer		2	0[6]
+Joh. London		1	4
+Marg. Prescote		2	0
+Joh*a*nna Sherman		1	0[7]
+Ric. Baxster		1	6
+Will. Bylton		1	6
+Will. Bredon, skynn*er*		2	0
+Tho. Leche		3	0
+Will. Mariot		1	0
+Nic. Sadeler		2	0
+Joh. Braunston		6	8[8]
+Joh. Medburn		1	0
+Ric. Peche		1	4
+Joh. Wylde		2	6
+Will. Peerte		1	0[9]
+Joh. Good		1	8
+Marger*i*a Bowyer		3	0[10]
+Will. Donyngton, hosier		4	0
+Marger*i*a Ive		5	0
+Joh. Nele		3	0
+Joh. Barbour		3	0
+Tho. Whitside		5	0
+Rog. ffletcher		2	0
+Rog. Costantyne		1	0[8]
Summa £7 10*s.* 6*d.*			

129 names.

Croschepyng.

	£	s.	d.
+Rob. ffletcher		1	8
+Agn. Bulwyk		1	0
+Agn. Molton		1	8
+Rob. Melburn		10	0[11]
+Rob. Grubber		6	0[8]
+Joh. Walle		4	0[8]
+Tho. Weuer		1	8
+Joh. Doughty		6	8
+Guido Weston		2	0
+Joh. Huewer			8
+Joh. Nele		4	0
+Will. Hende		1	4
+Tho. Swonlond		1	8[12]
+Ric. Carde		1	0
+Ric. Lane		1	10
+Ric. Harborgh		2	0
+Will. Prentes		2	0
+Rad. Chaundeler		6	0
+Will. Bedon		2	0[13]
+Joh. ffrithe		1	0
+Joh. Sheldon		2	0
+Will. Aderton		1	8
+Ric. Pulter, deister		1	8
+Tho. Carde		1	4
+Nic. Wirdrawer		1	4
+Nic. Bunbury[14]		1	0
+Will. Syvekar		1	0
+Joh. *se*ruiens Joh. Walle		1	0
+Joh. Yong, coruyser		2	0
+Tho. Alen		1	8
+Will. Mason		3	0
+Tho. Goldsmyth		2	0
+Ric. Joy		16	0
+Pet. Shefeld		1	0
+Joh.[15] Bilston		1	0[16]
+Tho. Holybryg		1	4[17]
+Rob. Purdon		1	0
+Hen. Adderton		2	0
+Will. Dyvette		2	0
+Will. Radclyff		1	8
+Joh. Sutton		2	0
+Will. Stretford		1	0
+Joh. Barbour		1	8
+Ric. Hillage		1	0
+Tho. Glouer		1	0
+Ric. Drought		1	8
+Nic. Grene		1	3
+Tho. Bredon		3	4
+Joh. Bandy, barb*our*		4	0
+Joh. Savage, fissher		1	4
+Ric. Penson		1	3
+Tho. Norwyche		4	0
+[18]Joh. Wyttoft		3	4
+Will. Hosier		2	0
+Will. Bromwyche		2	0
+Tho. Bayly		1	0
+Joh. Eborall		2	0
+Tho. Paynton		1	0[19]
+Joh. Nele, coruyser		3	0
+Joh. Brasse		1	0
+Joh. Colyns		3	0
+Agn. Westbury		1	0
+Joh. Boteler		5	0
+Ric. Peuterer		2	0
+Reg. Goldsmyth		1	0[20]
+Ric. Smale		1	0

[1] *per* J. Wylde. [2–2] Added in different ink and hand.
[3] Interlined "Ric." leaf 84, back. [4] *recepti* per R. Hedon.
[5] per (?) Joh. filium & executores. [6] *per* Shustoke. [7] *per* Kyngeston.
[8] *per* ffynch. [9] *per* Bartram. [10] *per* W. Donyngton [illeg.].
[11] *per* W. Benyngton. [12] per H. Banberry. [13] *recepti per* Ric. Bedon
[14] Substituted for Bowyer. [15] Interlined Will. [16] *per* W. [illeg.].
[17] *per* vx*orem*. [18] leaf 85. [19] *per* J. ffynch. [20] *per* Nic. Welles.

Croschepyng.

	£	s.	d.
+Joh. Huet		2	4
+Will. White		1	8
+Joh. Vynsent		1	0
+Gal. Wolpyner		2	0
+Will. Norton		1	8
+Tho. White[1]		3	0
+Joh. Sadeler			6
+Rob. Harry		2	0
+Rad. Hulle		3	4
+Joh. Wynwyk		1	0[2]
+Hen. Taverner		1	0
+Hen. Rondull		3	4
+Joh. Marshall		1	0
+Joh. Northampton		5	0
+Ric. Lirpull		1	0
+Rob. Broun		3	4
+Ric. Weuer		3	4
+Joh. Ymayne		2	0
+Joh. Neuport		2	0
+Joh. Halle		4	11
+Joh. Lyllynton		1	0
+Tho. Deister, bocher		1	0
+Will. Deister		3	0
+Tho. Leyghton		1	0[3]
+Joh. Botte		1	8[4]
+Ric. Bedon		1	8
+Johanna Cooke		I	0
+Sim. Payne		1	8
+Tho. Dovy		1	0
+Ric. Loder		1	0
+Mat. Elerton		1	8
+Rob. Mors		3	4
+Joh. Stille		5	0
+Jac. Seriaunt		2	0
+Rob. Seriaunt		1	8
+Will. Huyton		10	0[5]
+Ric. Spicer		2	0
+Hugo Cariour		1	0
+Tho. Swayne		4	0
+Ric. Cadde		1	0
+Will. Hayes		2	0
+Hen. Euerdon			6[6]
+Will. Meeke		1	8
+Will. Huet		3	4
+Will. Stonley		1	0
+Tho. Sulby		1	8
+Joh. Bynley		1	0[7]
+Joh. Colyns, barbour		2	8
+Joh. Tailour		1	0[8]
+Tho. Gest		1	0
+Joh. Blokley		1	0[9]
+Edw. Dilcok		10	0[10]
+Will. Barbour		1	0
+Joh. Baker		1	0[11]
+Will. Boteler		1	0[11]
+Joh. Hayle		1	0
+Will. Benet		4	0
+Will. Darset		6	0
+Will. Hulle		1	8
+Joh. Barbour		1	8
+Joh. Weston		1	8
+Will. Dey		5	0
+Will. Bynley		1	8
Summa £14 18*s.* 11*d.*			

67 names.

Bysschopstrete.

	£	s.	d.
+Joh. Kebull		5	0
+Will. Walker		3	4
+Joh. Goold		6	8
+Joh. Grene		3	4
+Will. Wythiford		5	0[12]
+Joh. Lyncoln		1	8
+Joh. Lusterley		8	0
+[13]Will. Warrewik		3	4
+Hen. Rastell		1	8
+Hen. Knotte		2	4
+Rob. Southam		15	0
+Will. Garet		1	8
+Tho. Wodcok		3	4[14]
+Joh. Coper, baker		1	8
+Joh. ffolvyle		2	0
+Joh. Reynoldes		1	8
+Will. Kempe		6	8
+Joh. Mores		3	4
+Alicia Nores		1	8
+Ed. Drouer		10	0
+Rog. Taylour		5	0
+Joh. Stafford, mylner		3	4
+Ric. Glover		1	0
+Joh. Attewode		1	8
+Moric. Steynour		1	6
+Will. Coper		3	4
+Rog. Lesyngham		2	0
+Joh. Appelby		3	4
+Joh. Wodecote		1	8
+Will. ffelde		1	8
+Joh. Trewman		1	8
+Will. Richardson		1	8
+Tho. Broun		3	4
+Ric. Tedde		1	8
+Will. Wymondeswold		7	2
+Joh. Waldegraue		6	8
+Tho. Waldegraue		1	8
+Joh. Broun		1	8[15]
+Tho. Cleybroke		1	8
+Joh. Hawkeslowe		1	8
+Sim. Wright		1	0
+Will. Horsley		2	0
+Ric. Mason de Dogl[ane]		1	8
+Hen. Hethe		1	8
+Tho. Stafford		1	8[15]
+Will. Wilkyns		3	4[16]
+Will. White do Dog-l[ane]		3	4
+Joh. Lichefeld		15	0
+Ric. Tomson		1	8
+Wal. Trig		3	4
+Hen. Weston		3	4
+Joh. Couper		1	8
+Tho. Waren		1	8
+Ric. Clerke		1	8
+Pet. Milner		1	8
+Hugo Shawe		5	0
+Will. Neuton		3	4[17]
+Joh. Brasier de Angleslane		1	8
+Will. Humberston		1	8
+Joh. Warde, deister		1	8
+Ric. ffelippes		3	4
+Ric. Spicer		3	4
+Joh. Hampton		6	8
+Ric. Chichester		3	4
+Ric. Baxster		1	8
+Joh. Welford		6	8
+Alex. Barker		1	8
+Joh. Tebbe			10
Summa £11 6*s.* 0*d.*			

[1] Substituted for Wright. [2] *per* ffynch. [3] *per* maiorem.
[4] *scilicet* Bette *pro* Botte. [5] *recepti per* Southam. [6] W. Welles, weuer.
[7] *per* vxorem. [8] *recepti* viij d. [9] *per* Lirpull. [10] *per* H. Locok.
[11] *per* W. Barbour. [12] *per* Starky. [13] leaf 85, back.
[14] *per* Ric. Welford. [15] per maiorem. [16] executores. [17] *recepti* xx d.

82 names.

Brod-yate.

	£	s.	d.
+Alicia Illage	2		0
+Joh. Melton			8
+Hen. Louthe[1]			4
+Joh. Blakamour	1		4
+Will. Spenser	1		4
+Tho. Spenser	1		4
+Will. fflekeney	2		0
+Joh. Bernard	2		0
+Will. Stafford et *socius* suus	1		0
+Tho. Ruyton	3	4	[2]
+Rog. Milner, tailour			8
+Joh. Hencote			8
+Hen. Sircok	6	0	[3]
+Rog. Cockes	3		0
+Rog. Cooke			8
+Wal. Paslowe	1	4	[4]
+Ric. Busshebury	6	8	[5]
+Joh. Cappe, coleter	2		0
+Joh. Locok	1		4
+Joh. Malory	1		4
+Joh. Bradley			8
+Katerina Bradley	2	0	[6]
+Joh. Huntley			8
+Rob. Persale			8
+Joh. Dalton			8
+Will. Holt	1		4
+Ric. Esex	1		4
+[7]Joh. Nele, Taylour			8
+Joh. Archer	1		0
+Will. Archer[8]	1		0
+vxor Rob. Sporiour			8[9]
+Ric. Twyg			8[3]
+Hugh. Manton	1		4
+Rad. Duffeld	1		4
+Will. Draper	1		0
+Will. Chaterton			8
+Tho. Wytham			4
+Will. Hethe			4
+Will. Barley			4
+Gal. Rose, coteler			8[10]
+Will. Abram, shether	1		4
+Will. Ryder, shether	1		0
+Ric. Barwell	1		4
+Nic. Pykstaff			4
+Tho. Lokyngton			8
+Benedict Stokton			8
+Edw. Coriour	1	4	[11]
+Joh. Barbour			8
+Wal. Kyppyng			8
+Joh. ffawkes			4
+Tho. Wastell			4
+Nic. Gore	3		4
+Cecilia Janyns	1		4
+vxor Joh. Vnderwode	1		0
+Alicia ffaux			8
+Will. Walton, Cobeler			4
+Egid. Allesley	6		8
+Will. Grene, skolemaister			8
+Joh. Coly			4
+Ric. B[r]lystowe			4
+Clemens Wirdrawer			4
+Joh. White, grynder			4
+Margeria Onley	1	0	[12]
+Margeria Lyllyngton		8	[13]
+Joh. Basset			4
+Ric. Couper	2		0
+Ric. Machon	1		0
+Will. Wylcote	1		4
+Joh. Purs			6
+Joh. Rypon			4
+Hen. Westley			4
+Joh. Persyvale			4
+Tho. Lyones	1		4
+Joh. Otley			4
+Joh. Melton		4	[14]
+Will. Tyler, wright			4
+Ric. Garton	1		0
+Joh. Bere			4
+Tho. Mason			8
+Joh. Hare, mason			2
+Tho. Warde			4
+Tho. Godfrey			4
Summa £4 13*s.* 0*d.*			

62 names.

Bayli-lane.

	£	s.	d.
+Joh. Merston	3		4
+Joh. Thorp			6[12]
+Joh. Langcastell			6[12]
+Joh. Wylkyns	2		0
+Joh. Bryan	3		4
+Joh. Whitley	3		4
+Hen. Watford	2		4
+Will. Warde	1		8
+Joh. Sircok	4		0
+Ric. Deister	2		0
+Ric. Dyvette	4		0
+Will. Oteley	1		4
+Tho. Dey	1	0	[15]
+Joh. Alen	3	0	[16]
+Joh. Cardmaker	1		4
+Joh. Boteler	2		0
+Joh. Straunge			6
+Joh. Worstedman	1	0	[3]
+Will. Wright	1		8
+Tho. Jakeman	2		0
+Ric. Goddesley			8
+(?) Will. Grauncestre			8
+Tho. Wirley	6		0
+Joh. Plymmer	2		8
+Joh. Spenser	4		0
+Ric. Tokeby	1		0
+[17]Hugo Shyryf	1		0
+Ric. Perbroun	3		0
+Joh. Millet	1		0
+Tho. Peuterer	3		0
+Joh. Beauchamp	2		6
+Joh. Whiche, pe[u]terer	1		0
+Will. Broke	4	0	[4]
+Joh. Louthe	1		0
+Ric. Julyans	1		8
+Joh. Ronton	10		0
+Joh. Hulle	3		4
+Joh. Baron	1	0	[18]

[1] ? Lonche. [2] *per* Brogreve. [3] per maiorem. [4] *per* Starky.
[5] *per* Bartram. [6] *per filium recepti*. [7] leaf 86.
[8] Deleted. Marshall added in different ink. [9] *per* Barley *filium*.
[10] per Rog. Cooke. [11] *per* Joh. Wyche, *clericum*.
[12] *per* W. Allesley. [13] *per* ffilium [14] (?) *pro* Melton.
[15] *per* Beauchump. [16] *per* R. Starky.
[17] leaf 86, back. [18] *per* Southam.

Bayli-lane.

£	s.	d.
+Editha Mowton	1	0[1]
+Joh. Hony	1	0[2]
+Joh. Bradley		8
+Hen. Walton		8
+Joh. Colyns		8[3]
+Ric. Plymmer	2	8
+Joh. Skille	3	0
+Millesant Frankelen	2	0[4]
+Joh. Power	1	4
+Rob. Herdewyk	2	0
+Tho. Loke	2	0
+Joh. Burbage	1	0
+Joh. Gryme	4	0
+Tho. Gryme	1	0
+Joh. Bayly	3	0
+Rob. Gloucestre	2	0
+Will. Clerke	3	8
+Joh. Oderiche	2	4
+Rob. Styff	2	0
+Joh. Crosse	3	4
+Hen. Brid	2	0
+Simon Harfrey	1	0
+Joh. Bordall	3	4
+Joh. Gilbard	2	8
Summa £6 18*s.* 0*d.*		

62 names.

Erl-strete.

£	s.	d.
+Rob. Barbour	1	8
+Joh. ffreman	3	4
+Matill. Harborgh	4	0
+Joh. Watford	1	8
+Joh. Lyones	1	0[5]
+Nic. Ruffeld	3	0
+Joh. Chaunter	1	0
+Ric. Clerke	2	0
+Ric. Byfeld	1	8
+Joh. Warant	10	0
+Will. Gilbard	3	4
+Joh. White	3	4[6]
+Will. Broun	6	8
+Wal. Assheby	4	0
+Will. ffrisby	6	8
+Joh. Motte	2	8
+Joh. Hawkyns	1	8
+Ric. Sharp	13	4
+Ric. Braytoft	6	8[7]
+Tho. Owdeby	1	0
+Tho. Swan	1	8[7]
+Will. Swanne	8	0
+Rob. Thede	3	0
+Joh. Bryan	2	0
+Joh. Perpoynt	1	8
+Will. Ednam	3	4[8]
+Joh. George, fflech*er*	3	4
+Ric. Knyttesford	2	0
+Agn. Crudworth	3	4[9]
+Tho. Bayle	3	0
+Joh. Radley	2	0
+Ric. Alen	6	8
+Joh. Clerke	2	0
+Johan*n*a Brabson	3	0
+Will. Dey	1	8[8]
+Will. Coucher	1	8[10]
+Tho. Glenne	3	4[11]
+Hen. Dalby	2	0
+Johanna Northwode	13	4
+Joh. Michell	13	4
+Rob. Praty	1	8[12]
+Rob. ffissher	1	0
+Ric. Nasshe	1	0
+Tho. Shawe	1	0
+Agn. Nores	1	0[7]
+Tho. Kirke	3	4
+Nic. Palm*er*	1	8
+Tho. Crosse	10	0
+Rob. Barnesley	1	8
+Ed. Brogreve	5	0
+Ric. Boys	5	0
+Joh. Chacombe	2	0
+Joh. Euerdon	10	0[13]
+Johanna Burton	5	0
+Joh. Eyres[14]	1	0
+[15]Tho. Suettenham	3	4
+Joh. Kirkeby	1	8
+Ric. Coton*er*	10	0
+Will. Donyngton	6	8
+Tho. Welles	3	4[16]
+Joh. Gynne	2	0
+Tho. Wapunbury	1	0
Summa £11 17*s.* 4*d.*		

87 names.

Much-park-strete.

£	s.	d.
+Rob. Eme, cardmaker	1	0
+Tho. Sherman		10
+Will. Grove, cardmaker		8[17]
+Rob. Skille, sporio*ur*	2	0
+Will. Bayle, mercer	2	0[18]
+Will. Brid, gurdeler	6	8
+Ed. Sherman	1	4
+Ric. Dene, m*er*cer	6	8
+Joh. fforde, Sharman	1	4
+Will. Betteley	6	8
+Joh. Clerke	13	4
+Tho. Willot, tailour		8
+Rob. Mason, coruyser	2	4
+Will. Jones, coruyser	1	0
+Tho. Walsale	2	0
+Johanna Byfeld	10	0
+Joh. Brayne, smyth	1	4
+Joh. Yong, baker	1	4
+Joh. Ray	2	0
+Tho. Norwiche, coruyser	1	4
+Hen. Hobbes, smythe	5	0
+Alicia Attewalle	2	0
+Joh. Lee, smythe	2	8

[1] *per* Lyrpull. [2] *per* Starky. [3] *per* meyore*m*. [4] *per* J. Gryme.
[5] *per* Solond. [6] *per* Johanna Swett. [7] *per* maiore*m*.
[8] *per* Will. Swan. [9] rec*epti per* W. Allesley.
[10] scil*icet* Joh. Couche*r*. [11] *per* Southa*m*. [12] *per* Gayton.
[13] *pro* Kirke. [14] Eyles substituted. [15] leaf 87. [16] *per* Joh. Palm*er*.
[17] *per* W. Cleybrooke. [18] rec*epti per* Warant.

Much-park-strete.

	£	s.	d.
+Ric. Bromley, smythe		2	4
+Ric. Burfrey, smythe		1	8
+Joh. Derby, coruyser		2	4
+Tho. Warmynton, hosier		6	8
+Ric. Staffordshire		3	0
+Joh. Brayleford, wever			8
+Margaret Harres			8[1]
+Joh. Smythe			8[2]
+Joh. Yate, cardmaker			8
+Hen. Balle, coruyser			8
+Tho. Kildraught, pavier		1	0[3]
+Will. Solant, hosier		1	0
+Joh. Bry[s]towe, wever		1	0
+Rob. Pavier			8[3]
+Nic. Ouerton			8
+Tho. Yorke, peyntour		5	0
+Will. Charlton		4	0
+Ed. Goldsmythe			4
+Joh. Cale [Gale]		3	0
+Will. Cleybroke		2	4
+Joh. Steynour			8
+Nic. More			4
+Joh. Elmes, mason			8
+Joh. Tyrvill, wever			8
+Joh. Bayly, pinner			8[4]
+Tho. Burwey, wright		1	4
+Gobett ?, Bruer			8
+Tho. Harres		1	4
+Joh. Burnham			8
+Joh. Lebbes			4[5]
+Tho. Harper			4
+Joh. ffolshull, wirdrawer			8
+Joh. Hony, mylner		1	4
+Alex. Milner		1	4
+Joh. ffillippes, quariour		1	4
+Will. Peverell			8
+Joh. Dyvette, carter		1	4
+Tho. Abell			8[6]
+Will. Stone, werkman			8
+Alicia Stafford			8[7]
+Tho. Pawnton			8
+Tho. Tough			8[8]
+Tho. Tate, mercer		1	4
+Nic. Gryve, tyler		4	0
+Joh. Sheregrynder		2	6
+Will. Cortonhale		1	8
+Katerina Assho			8
+ leche			8[4]
+Will. Glasier		2	0
+Will. ffermon, tailour			8
+Joh. Witham		2	8
+[9]Pat. Glasier		1	4
+Joh. Garton, mercer		5	0
+Sim. Mason			8
+Joh. Braytoft, mercer		20	0
+Tho. Tyler, skynner		1	4
+Ric. Baker		2	0
+Joh. Makesey		6	8
+Rob. Hendemon		1	4
+Ric. Knyghtley		2	0
+Katerina Gosnore		1	0[10]
+Hen. Boohghe, sharman		2	6
+Will. Southam		5	4
+Tho. More, mylner			8
Summa £10 0*s.* 6*d.*			

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Jurd[an-well.]

	£	s.	d.
+Ric. Clerke		3	4
+Tho. Elderbek		5	4
+Joh. Porter		1	0
+Ric. Yate			8
+Ric. Tayler			8
+Joh. Brewer		3	4
+Joh. Dilcok		6	8[11]
+Tho. Wodecok			8
+Joh. Prentys		1	0
+Joh. Bryan		9	0
+Will. Smythe		4	0
+Will. Thomas			8
+Will. Marchall		1	0
+Joh. Cater		8	4
+Ric. Barbour		1	4
+Joh. Whalley		10	0

Mil-lone.

	£	s.	d.
+Hugo Cowper		2	0
+Joh. Hawkyns		3	0
+Tho. Barnewell			8
+Joh. Rocheford		8	0
+Rob. Shawe		1	0
+Joh. Lee		10	0
+Wal. Tyrell		1	4
+Margaret Godefroy		1	4[12]
+Tho. Baxster		1	0
+Rog. Cressy		1	0
+Tho. Smyth			6
+Will. Shurley		5	0
+Joh. Perkyns		2	0[13]
+Joh. Wade			10
+Joh. Horneby		2	0
+Tho. Bette		1	0
+Will. Bradmere			10
+Joh. Eglee		2	4
+Tho. Thomas		2	0[14]
+Will. Bette		4	0
+Joh. Folshull		1	0
+Joh. Stoneley		1	0[15]
+Joh. Skynner			6

Neu-strete.

	£	s.	d.
+Tho. Merston			4
+Will. Castelton		3	4
+Ric. Adam		2	6
+Will. Oxton		1	0[3]
+Tho. Kirteley			8

[1] *per* Solond. [2] *per* Benet Marchall. [3] *per* maiorem.
[4] *per* W. Allesley. [5] *per* Alveam (? Aliciam) matrem suam.
[6] *per* Bartram. [7] *per* Ric. Tyler. [8] *per* Cale. [9] leaf 87, back.
[10] *per* Bordale. [11] *per* Prentes. [12] *per* Lee. [13] *per* filium suum.
[14] *per* vxorem. [15] *per* Wade.

	£	s.	d.
+Joh. Stanffeld			10
+Joh. Camelle	2	0	
+Joh. Pake	1	0	
+Tho. Dykonnes	5	0	
+Rob. Clerke	4	0	
+Will. Bolton			8
+Rad. Plymmer	1	0	
+Tho. Maydeford	5	3	
+Tho. Threston	5	3	
+Johanna Abram	2	0	
+ Wotton, weuer			8
+Rob. Archer			8
+Joh. Creeke	1	0[1]	
+Joh. Smythe			4
+Joh. ffreman	1	4	
+David Baxster			8
+Rob. Grene	1	0	
+Joh. Elderbek			10
+Will. Gale	1	8	
+Tho. Illage	6	8	
+[2]Joh. Multon	1	4	
+Joh. Sutton	5	3	
+Joh. Savage			8
+Joh. ffrankelen	5	0	
+Joh. Shadde	6	8	
+Ric. Recheford	4	0	
+Ric. Weley		4[3]	
+Will. fflouter			4
+Joh. Cresse, mercer	4	0	
+Ric. Cotoner	1	0	
+Joh. Barre, deyster			4
+Joh. Lokier de Mil-lone			4
+ Peyntour of the New-strete			3
+Joh. Barres, card-maker			4
+Agnes Sewster			2
+Tho. Bere			4
+Gregorius Hulle			4
+Will. Byg			4
+Tho. Thymeler			4
+vxor Joh. Bradley			4
+Elias Tailour			4
+Joh. Egleston			4
+Tho. Recheford			4
+Ric. Clement			3
+Pet. Tailour			4
+Ric. Willy, mylner			4
+Joh. Clyfford, mylner			4
+ Lokier de New-strete			4
Summa £10 4*s.* 1*d.*			

Gosford.

(cætera desunt.)

[£11 12*s.* 0*d.* delivered to the Gosford Street collectors, because they had not enrolled the names of the ward;
of which £11 12*s.* 0*d.* Will. Swan, mayor (1438) received 12*d.* for R. Burges, and 8*d.* for Rob. Wattes, because S. Baker says he paid.

[Total £100 7*s.* 4*d.*]

& vnde xj li. xij s. deliberantur collectoribus ibidem, videlicet Joh. Stafford, Hen. Skille, Joh. Asshewell, Joh. Stretton, Will. Dawe & Simon Baker, pro eo quod non habuerunt nomina dicte warde de Gosford irrotulata vt patet; de quibus xj li. xij s. Will. Swan, maior, recepit[4] xij d. [pro] Roberto Burges & viij d. pro Roberto Wattes, eo quod Sim. Baker dicit quod ipse soluit.

Summa totalis C. li. vij s. iiij d.

THE WORKERS IN IRON.

Sept. 14, 1435. A bill delivered to the mayor,

[5] Hit is to haue in mynde that in the fest of the Exaltaccion of the Holy Crosse a bille foloweng was delyuered to John Euerdon, meire of the Cite of Couentre, in thes wordes:

To the Reuerent Meire of the Cite of Couentre & to halle the wurthy men of the same; for-alsomyche as hit

[1] *per* vx*orem*. [2] leaf 88. [3] *per* Elderbek sen.
[4] Some words looking like "xx s. xij d. *pro* Will. Sturdy, iam mortuo" are crossed out. "&" is also inserted. [5] leaf 89.

is necessarie & nedefull to eu*e*ry gou*e*rnour of Cite & of Town to se suche rule & gou*e*rnaunse may be hadde be the whiche the kynges peapull may be truly rulede & demened: Be hit known to you that but yif certen ordenaunses of Craftes withe-in this Cite, & in speciall the Craft of wirdrawerz, be takon good hede to, hit is like myche of the kynges pepull, & in speciall poor chapmen & Clothemakers, in tyme comeng shullon be gretely hyndered; and as hit may be supposed the principall cause is like to be amonges hem that han all the Craft in her own hondes, That is to sey, smythiers, brakemen, gurdelmen & Cardwirdrawers; for he that hathe all thes Craftes may, offendyng his consience, do myche harme. First in The smethyng, yif he be necligent & mysrule his Iron, that he wirkithe, be onkynd hetes or elles in oder maner, the whiche, when hit is so spilt, is not to make no man*e*r chapmannes ware of, Neuerthelater for his own eese he will com to his Brakemon & sey to hym;— "Here is a ston of rough-iron, the whiche must be tendurly cherysshet." & then the Brakemon most nedes do his maisters comaundement, and dothe all that is in hym; & then when the Brakemon hathe don his ocupa*c*ion, That that the mayst*e*r supposithe wil-not in no wyse be holpen atte gurdell, Then hit shall be solde for hoke wire. And when hit is made in hokes and shulde serue the ffissher to take fisshe, when hit comythe to distresse, Then for febulness hit all-to brekithe, and thus is the ffissher foule disseyued to hym[1] grete harme. And then that wire that the mayst*e*r supposithe wille be cherisshed atte gurdell, he shall com to his girdulmon and sey to hym as he seid to the brakemon:—"Lo, here is a stryng or ij, that hathe ben mysgouerned atte herthe; my brakemon hathe don his deuer, I prey the do now thyne." & so he dothe as his maister biddethe hyme. And then he gothe to his cardwirdrawer, & seithe the same to hym, and he dothe as his maist*e*r biddithe hym. And then when the Cardmaker hathe bought this wire thus dissayvabely wrought, he may not know hit tille hit com to the Crokyng,[2] & Then hit crachithe and farithe foule; so

concerning the "wire-drawers,

cardmakers, smiths," and the deceits that spring from the union of the workers in iron, who are able to pass on badly tempered iron to brakemen

and to be sold for fish-hooks,

and to girdle-makers,

and to card-makers,

[1] ?his. [2] "Crooking," bending, curving.

the Cardmaker is right heuy ther-of, but neu*er*-the-later he sethe be-cause hit is Cutte, he must nedes helpe hym-self in eschueng his losse, he makithe cardes ther-of as well as he may. And when the Cardes ben solde to the clothemaker & shuldon be ocupied, anon the tethe brekon & fallon out, so the clothemaker is foule disseyued. Wherfore, sirs, atte reu*er*ens of God in fortheryng of the kynges true lege peapull & in eschueng of all disseytes, Weithe this mater wysely, & ther as ye see disseyte is like to be, therto settithe remedy be your wyse discressions. For ye may right welle know be experience that & the smythier & the brakemen[1] wern to-gider & no mo, and the cardwirdrawers & the Middlemen[2] to-gider and no mo, Then hit were to suppose that ther shuld not so myche disseyuabull wire be wrought & sold as ther is; ffor & the Craft were severed in the man*er* as hit [is] seide aboue, Then the Cardwirdrawers and the myddelmen most nedes bye the wire[3] that they shull wirche of the smythiers, and yif the cardwiredrawer were ones or thies disseyued withe ontrewe wire he wolde be warre, and then wold he sey vnto the smythier that he bought that wire of:—"Sir, I hadde of you late badde wire. Sir, amend your honde, or, in feithe, I wille no more bye of you." And then the smythier, lest he lost his Custemers, wolde make true goode; and then, withe the grase of Godd, The Craft shuld amend, and the kynges peapull [be] not disseyued withe ontrewe goode.

to the great harm of the king's liege people.

It is proposed that the crafts should be separated.

Oct. 3. 1435. The mayor sends to the worthymen of the Leet for advice.

¶ The whiche bille the seid meyre atte lete holdon the Monday next after the fest of seynt Mich[ael] thennes next sueng at Couentre send to all the wurthymen of the seyd lete to take her avyse theropon, and ther the seyd bille afore hem was radde, herde and vnderstonden; And for-alsomyche as the mater of this bille is grevous & Nuyefull[4] to the co*m*en pepull, and for oder greuaunse vnto the seid wurthymen attis seid lete shewed, They willeng goode ordenaunses and gou*er*nanses in this seyd

[1] Not in *N.E.D.* in this sense. *v.* Gloss. Mr. Stevenson points out to me that a brakeman was evidently the artificer who converted iron into wire, coarse at first, then drawn finer by the cardwiredrawers. The "brake" was his tool or implement.

[2] middle = the waist. [3] "of" deleted. [4] *i. e.* hurtful.

Cite to be hadde [1]In distrucc*i*on of all mysrules & mysgou*er*naunses the seyd wurthymen in the seyde lete han ordened that fro this tyme fortheward that the Jurneymen of Cardwiredrawers & gurdelmen with-In the seyd Cite wurche in ther own howses, and they haue eese ther-to, and not in ther mayster howses; and that ther werke be truly wrought withe-outen Gyle or disseyte, or ony colour of disseyte; and that they vse no craft but that alon, apon the peyne of xx li. at eu*er*y defaut to be rered to the vse of the Town walle withe-outon ony grase; and that ther maysters constreyne hem non oderwes to doo, apon the same peyne. And also that Smythiers and Brakemen wirche to-gider in ther mayster howses, or elles ther may [be] best s*er*ued to her eese; and that they wirche ther wyre of trew metell & Truly do therto her labour with-outon any disseyte or Colour of disseyte, so that hit be trewe Chapmannes ware; and that they ocupie neder Cardwiredraweng ne gurdeldraweng, but only smethyng and brakyng, apon the peyn to lose xx li. at eu*er*[y] defaut to be rered to the vse of the Town Walle [2]at eu*er*y defaut[2] witheouten ony grase. Also that no smythier ne Brakemon fro this tyme in tyme to come bye ne selle be colour ne sotell Imagynac*i*on ne Cardwyre ne mystermannes wyre, [3]the whiche may be hynderyng or grevyng to the kynges lege pepull oder-weys then is ordend afore, apon the peyne to lose at eu*er*y defaut xx li. to be payde as hit is aboue-seyd withe-outen ony grase.

The Leet orders that cardwire drawers and girdlemen are to be united, the journeymen working in their own houses,

or £20 fine,

and smiths and brakemen to be united,

but not to engross any further trade, under the same fine.

All metal sold to be good.

The whiche ordenaunse be John Euerdon then meyre seyn & vnderstonden, lete come afore hym & his Counsell Certen p*er*sons of the seid Craft of wirdrawers, whose names fowlon (*sic*) her-after, that is to sey:—

The craft of wiredrawers summoned before the mayor and council.

Their names.

Joh. Brian, Tho. Elderbek, Joh. Blakeman, sen., Joh. Sheldon, sen., Will. Deist*er*, Ric. ffillipes, Wal. Bonde, Hen. Hethe, Pet. Milner, Ric. Recheford, Will. Horsley, Clemens Kirton, Joh. Elderbek, Joh. Oone, Will. Stoneley, Will. Doubrigge, Tho. ffalkes, Joh. ffeldyng, Rob. Grene, Nic. Ouerton, Will. Chetell, Wal. Neuton, Will. Cleybroke, Tho. Hastyng, Rob. Burges, Joh. Knyght, Will. Bayly, Joh. Spake, Hen. Tredsyn, Will.

[1] leaf 89, back. [2—2] A repetition. [3] "of" deleted.

Onfeld, Will. Abram, Joh. Mathewe, Tho. Symthe, Joh. Straunge, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Harries, Ric. Thom*as*, Rad. ffolkeshull, Tho. Reve, Joh. Manton, Hen. Coton*er*, Joh. Peche, Joh. Breux, Tho. Dernwell, Will. Shurley, Tho. Bateman, Joh. Stonley, Tho. Thomas, Tho. Stafford, Joh. Rocheford, Will. Shurley, Joh. ffolkeshull, Joh. Sheldon, Joh. Smythe.

The division of occupations.

The whiche p*er*sons aboue-writon, the ordenaunses aboue-writon to hem redde, the seyde ordenaunses so to kepe agredon, And for-alsomyche as Joh. Stafford, Joh. Blakemon, sen., Tho. Elderbek, Joh. Sheldon the yonger, & Tho. Stafford & Ric. ffillippes & Wal. Bonde heldon for the most p*ar*t as well smethyng, brakyng, Middelyng[1] and cardwiredraweng, They afore the Meire agredon & graunted to ocupye her craft as her-after folouth :—That is to sey, John Stafford [2]graunted to ocupie the craft of smethyng & brakyng, John Sheldon the yongur the same, John Blakemon the same, John Sheldon the elder, Ric. ffillipes, Wal. Bonde, Hen. Hethe, Pet. Milner, Tho. Smyth, Tho. Stafford, the same; & to leve and not to ocupie neder cardewirdraweng, ne girdull; & Tho. Elderbek & all thes oder g*r*aunted to ocupie Cardwirdraweng & gurdull, & neder Smethyng ne brakyng.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

Oct. 3. Jury.

[3][V. f. p. held on Monday after Michaelmas, 14 Hen. VI.] Ric. Sharp, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Braitolte, Ric. Joy, Joh. Brystowe, Joh. Mychell, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Rounton, Joh. Braunston, Ric. Bushebury, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botone*r*, Joh. Lichfeld, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warant, Will. Swane, Rob. Southam, Will. Broun, drape*r*, Joh. Bryan, Will. Byrde, Joh. Lee, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Oneley.

Bailiffs.

[Hen. S*ir*coke, Joh. Deiste*r*.]

Orders of leet.

Allso they orden þ*at* the gailward of the geill of Coue*ntre* fro this tyme forward take of no man þ*at* is p*r*isoner for his bed but for a Wek iijd., and for one nyght ob.; and if he haue a bed of his own þ*at* he pay a penny a Weke for his chamb*ur*.

The "jayler fees."

[1] *i. e.* girdle-making. [2] leaf 90. [3] leaf 82, back. Scribe A.

Allso thai orden that the Jorneymen of wirdrawers and of all oþer Craftes within this cite except hakmen[1] and smythers wurche in hur own houses and nott in hur masters housz; And that þer masturs constrayne them no othur wyse to doo, a-pon peyn of xx li. at euery defaute. Wiredrawers work in their own houses.

Allso the smythes of this Cite shall fro thys tyme forwarde show straungers horsies as-well on Sondais as on othur weke-days, euery man a-pon the payn of xld.; and euery barbour þat he shaue any straunger on Sonday as-well as oþer dais, apon the peyn aforsaid.[2] Shoeing and shaving on Sunday.

Allso thei orden þat the lane þat is adioynyng vnto the Wemen-feld, þe which John Plumer holdith, be no more stoppid ne dychid, but þat ther be a yate and a style þer, so þat the way of old tyme may be had and not stoppid, vpon the peyn of vjs. viijd. Right of way.

Thei will þat the carpynters be associate vnto þe Tileres & pynners to maynten hur pagent and hur lyuerey þat now is; & that the maiour call the substance of the Crafte of Carpynters and sett hem to-geþer as one felawshipe.

JOHN RONTON, MAYOR, 1436.

[Easter and Michaelmas Leets.]

[3V. f. p. before Joh. Rontton, mayor, Hen. Sircok and Joh. Deyster, bailiffs, on Saturday in Easter week, 14 H. VI.] Ric. Sharp, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Braytoft, Egid. Allesley, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Joh. Everdon, Joh. Lichefeld, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Clerke, Will. Kerver, Ric. Busshebury, Will. Swanne, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Lee, hosyer, Joh. Spenser, Rob. Grubber, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Onley, Joh. Walgrave. Couentre. Apr. 14, 1436. Jury of 23.

The[4] orden þat þey prior be not suffered to make no more off þe Stan wall vndur þey[4] priory in Seynt Mich[aels] Churcheyerd vnto the tyme tha[t][4] hyt may be proued be þey priours euydence that he hath Ryght therto. Orders of leet. "Wall on south side St. Michaells Church."

Also they orden tha[t] ffro thys tyme fforward the pre- Four persons assess fines.

[1] I do not know the significance of this word; but it is evidently the same artificer as the brakeman. [2] *v.* Introd.

[3] Scribe C, leaf 92, back. [4] Characteristic of this Scribe.

sentementes off þe letes, when þey schuld be afered,[1] tha[t] þey schuld be a-ferred be iiij wurthy persons, be þey meire ffor þey tyme being to be Choson.

The wall. Item, the orden that the Chaumburlens off the Cite off Couentre now beeng[2] do make off The Towne wall thys yere alsomyche as the stent off þe Towne . . .[3] ?

[The ordinance made at the last leet to be kept under the penalties there specified.]

The last leet. The Conferme þe ordenaunce made in þe last lete, & þat they peyne off þe seid lete be sewed a3eynes hem that Breketh the seid ordinaunce.[4]

The Red-ditch. They ordeyne þat the meire take with hym the worchip-fulmen off þe lete, and make si3t off they Red-Diche with-in shorte tyme, that þe defautes theroff may be amended as nede axeth.

Expenses to be shared by chamber-lains and property owners. The wille the Chaumburlens shulde make and paye ffor that oon halfe, and they that han the Rent in the Hul-stret shuld pay the oder halff, as hit hath ben ordeyned afore.

Oct. 4, 1436. [5 V. f. p. held on Thursday after Michaelmas, 15 Hen. VI.]

Jury. Ric. Sharp, Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildegrysse, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Joh. Euerdon, Joh. Licheffeld, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Busshebury, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warrant, Will. Swanne, Rob. Southam, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Doughty, Will. Brid, Joh. Lusterley, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Whalley.

Bailiffs. [Tho. Wirley, draper, Joh. Esex.]

[The bailiffs to repair the cuckstool at their expense.

Ordinatum est quod Ballivi (etc.) repareant (*sic*) & emendent le Cokestole de eorum expencis, (*sic*) etc.

[Present and future bailiffs to pay the recorder, as others have done in time past, and he is to have his livery without impediment.]

Item, ordinatum est quod Ballivi que iam sunt, et eciam qui fuerint, soluant Recordatori, qui nunc est, sicut alii Balliui soluerunt tempore prefato,[6] & quod ipse habeat suum lyuerey sine aliquo impedimento.

[1] *v.* Gloss. [2] Characteristic of this scribe.
[3] Illegible words follow.
[4] *v.* p. 185. Probably the ordinance concerning the workers in iron is here intended. The repetition is curious.
[5] leaf 93, repeated leaf 95. [6] ? preterito.

They orden that what man or woman that letteth the Be[s]ttes to haue ther ffre passage þat they lesse[1] at euery deffaute xl d.

3s. 4d. fine from any one stopping the passage of the beasts.

JOHN LEEDER, MAYOR, 1437.

Easter and Michaelmas Leets.

[2]V. f. p. held before Joh. Leder, m., Tho. Wirley, Joh. Esex, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 15 Hen. VI.] Joh. Michell, Laur. Coke, Tho. Wildgrysse, Joh. Braytoft, Egid. Allesley, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Everdon, Joh. Ronton, Rob. Southam, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Busshebury, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warrant, Will. Swanne, Will. ffrisby. Joh. Doughty, Joh. Deister, Joh. Whalley, Tho. Suettenham, Will. Bridde.

Apr. 6. Jury.

[Orders of leet.

[Present and future mayors shall have from the bailiffs 13*s.* [4*d.*] every sessions of the peace, for a breakfast for the bailiffs and clerks.

Ordinauerunt quod Maior qui est, & qui pro tempore erit, habebunt de Balliuis ville de Couentre, tam qui nunc sunt, seu qui pro tempore erunt, xiij s.[3] ad quamlibet cessionem pacis etc., ad faciendum qualibet die Cessionis pacis Balliuis ac clericis vnum Jantaculum etc.

[The mayors to have all forfeitures accruing from the breaking and bringing to nought of orders of leet; as well those now forfeited, as those in the future to be forfeited.]

Item, ordinauerunt quod Maior, qui est & pro tempore erit, habebit omnes fforisfacturas de ordinacionibus per letas fractis & perditis tam qui (*sic*) nunc sunt forisfacte, quam qui tempore futuro erunt fforisfacte.

Also the orden that euery walker withe-in this Cite ffro this tyme fforwarde walke no Cloth & wete hym, but yeff the seyde Cloth bere the lengeth off xxiiij yerdes atte leste, and euery dossen xij yerdes atte lest, and yeff so be that hit wol-not bere the seyde lengeth than that the walker Teynter hym out to the lengethe off xv yerdes, so that a chapman may knowe the Clothe that he b[y]eithe wheder hit be wette; so that euery walker to

Fullers; pieces of cloth to be 24 yards long, and every dozen 12 yards long; the fuller to stretch it out on the tenter to 15 yards.

[1] v. *N. E. D.* leese = lose. [2] leaf 93, back.
[3] 4*d.* omitted, *v.* p. 190.

half a mark fine; and 13*s.* 4*d.*

kepe this rule and ordinanse, apon the peyne to lose at eu*er*y dos*en* d*imidiam* marc*am*, and at eu*er*y hole Cloythe xiij s. iiij d. And that eu*er*y Cloth or dos*en* that ys sold ffor wet-cloth, tha[t] he bere the brede as he shewthe, apon the same peyne, and þ*at* ther be non hangres[1] vpon the Cloth.

Cuckstool.

[The bailiffs to make the "Cokstoll a3ens the feste of Whisontyde" or pay 40s. to the mayor.]

The mayor to assess the tenements for murage.

Also they ordeyne that the Meire do to extent the tene*ment*z off the thown off new after Chartre off the kyng[2] wole be-twix thys and Michelmas.

"Search of Tile-makers."

Also tha[t] the meire *with* hys Councell haue the ou*er*-sight off Tyle-makyng, that hyt be as hyt was off olde tyme.

Rents.

Also the orden that the wardens off the Town geder vp all the smale rent*es* tha[t] the Chaumberlens haue geddryd affore tyme.

"Couentre." Oct. 5, 1437.

[3 V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 16 Hen. VI.] Joh. Michell, Laur. Coke, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Braytoft,[4] Egid. Allesley, Joh. Bristowe, Rob. Southam, Joh. Brampton, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botone*r*, Ric. Busshebury, Joh. Licheffeld, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warant, Will. Swane, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Doughty, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Deyste*r*, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Whalley.

Bailiffs.

[Will. Brown, draper, Will. Darsett, dyer.]

[The Trinity guild to have the Bablake-gate of the mayor and chamberlains for a term of 99 years, for the yearly rent of a red rose at the feast of S. John Baptist.]

Ordinant eciam q*uod* Magist*er* Gilde S. Trinitat*is*[5] Couentre, fratres et sorores eiusd*em* Ciuitat*is* & Successores sui h*ab*eant et teneant portam vocat*am* le Bablake-yate de Maiore etc. & Came*r*ariis etc. usq*ue* ad fine*m* termi*ni* quaterviginti nouemdecim annor*um*. Reddendo inde annuat*im* eisdem Maiore (*sic*) etc. & succe*ssoribus* suis vnam Rosam rubiam ad festu*m* Natiuitat*is* S. Joh*ann*is Bap*tis*tem (*sic*), si petat*ur*.

[1] ? A torn piece depending from the rest.
[2] For murage patents *v.* Dugd. 98, and Corp. MSS. B. 42, 45.
[3] leaf 96. [4] MS. Brayftot.
[5] MS. inserts "fratres" here.

WILL. SWAN, MAYOR, 1438.

[1] Tempore Will. Swanne.

(*No entries.*)

WILL. KERVER, MAYOR, 1439.

[2] [Election of officers.] Jan. 25.

Joh. Braytoft, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Warant, Will. Broun, Joh. Braunston, Rob. Southam, Joh. Doughty, Hen. Sircok, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Botoner, Will. Warset [Darset], Will. Broun, Will. ffrisby, Joh Prentes, Joh. Deyster, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lusterley, Will. Brid, Ed. Brogreue. Electors.

[m. Will. Kerver; cor. Joh. Whalley; ch. Tho. Bassyngburn, Ric. Osborn; w. Tho. Suettenham, Joh. Goolde; mace, Will. Westeley.]

Hyt is ordeyned that they Trumpet schall haue the rule off the whaytes,[3] and off hem be Cheffe. The waits.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

[4] [V. f. p. held before Will. Kerver, m., Joh. Spenser, Joh. Bryan, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 17 Hen. VI.] Apr. 11. 1439.

Per sacra*mentu*m, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Joh. Ronton, Will. Swanne, Joh. Warant, Joh. Bramston, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Bottoner, Joh. Licheffeld, Ric. Busshebury, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Doughty, Hen. Sircoke, Joh. Deister, Joh. Esex, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Broun, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Beauchamp. By oath of the electors.

Qui *present*ant & dic*unt* that where-as Edward Licheffeld off Couentre graunted vnto the meire and the Co*min*alte off the Cite off Couentre and to ther successoures fore*uer*more[5] that they schall have certen pipes of lede lyeng within the[6] tenement of the seyde Edward, be the which water[7] ffro the Condite Thorogh hys seide tenement vnto the[8] ou*er* Shurburn atte ende of the seyde tenement being, may be brought; off the whiche pipe[9] of Orders of leet. Presentment. E. Lichfield has granted leaden pipes to convey water from the conduit over the Sherbourne,

[1] leaf 97. [2] leaf 99. [3] "waytes" deleted.
[4] leaf 100. [5] "forthermore" crossed out.
[6] "y" crossed out. [7] "waytours" crossed out.
[8] "seid" deleted; ? omission, or "over" redundant.
[9] "thei" follows.

which pipes W. Darsett

lede[1] the seide meire and Co*min*alte haue ben seased.[1] And nowe long tyme sithem (*sic*) Will. Darsate,[2] notwithestondyng the seid g*r*aunte, off hys Euell wille the tyme of the seyde g*r*aunt notheng haveng ne clayneng[3] in the seide tenem*en*t, pipes off lede to the valu off[4]

has broken and taken away.

in the seid tenem*en*t beeng, and ther layde after the graunt aboue-seyde, hath brok*en*, takon awey and the watur stopped, to grett nosaunse off the Co*min*alte off the seid Cite.

The justices' feed.

The worshipull men off thys lete wollen [that the bailiffs pay 13*s.* 4*d.* towards the expenses of the mayor and justices at every session].[5] Allso they wolle that the se*r*iau*t*es off this Cite se*r*ue all warrantes off the Courte w*ith*in they sum off xl d. w*ith*-out takyng of money, like as hyt was ordeyned by a lette made in the tyme off John Michell last past etc.[6]

Sergeants to serve warrants without fee.

The river again!

They wolle that they Meire and the Bailles make syght ou*er* the ryuer, and they defautes That they ffynde that they warne the tenantes duellyng ther to amende they defautes by a ce*r*ten day, vpon a peyne, and yeffe the amende not her defaut*es* that vche trespaso*ur* pay to they meire and Baill*ies* di*midiam*[7] marc*am* to be dep*ar*ted be-twen he*m*.

Fine 6*s.* 8*d.* to be shared between the mayor and bailiffs.

The master of S. John's Hospital to have the pasture below Swanswell Pool in severalty, with a foot-way. "Scoole."

Volunt quod mag*ist*er S. Joh*ann*is Bapt*iste*,[8] ffratres & sorores infra no*min*ati h*ab*eant & teneant Campu*m* & pastura*m* Swanneswelpole infra [nominata] in sep*ar*ati, Cu*m* via pedestre & nulla alia via, p*r*out h*ab*uer*unt* a tempo*re* antiquo, etc.

The education difficulty.

[9]They orden that they Meire with vj off hys Councell go vnto the prior and Co*m*ien[10] the matier, Wyllyng hym to occupye a skole of Gramer, yffe he like to teche hys Brederon and Childerun off the aumbry, and that he wol-not gruche ne meve the contrari, but tha[t] eu*er*y mon off this Cite be at hys ffre chosse to sette hys chylde to skole to what techer off Gramer that he likyth, as reson askyth, etc.

The prior not to feel aggrieved.

[1] Words deleted. [2] One of the 24; bailiff 1437; *v.* p. 171.
[3] claymeng. [4] Blank in MS. [5] *v.* p. 187.
[6] *v.* p. 169–70, but not given.
[7] "C" deleted. [8] Sharp, *Antiq.* pp. 155–60.
[9] leaf 100, back. [10] commune = talk over.

They ordeyne that the[1] Close the p*ar*cels that ben sowen, and that they lett they remenand be opon to lett Comyn bestes off they town haue her Comyn; and Fremansquarell to be Comyn, as hyt hath ben off olde tyme; and an a-nother ffeld that John Northampton holdyth to be Comyn, eu*er*y man vpon the peyne of xx s. at eu*er*y deffaute.

"Comons" to be open.

They ordeyne that ffrom thys tyme fforward that any muk or ffilth be Cast ther by eny p*er*son, but ȝif the Comyn seriant do execucion he schall lese his office; also John Braunston hath g*r*aunted an house to on that will kepe they seide town yende, and Ric. Busshebury hath g*r*aunted xx s. for to fey hyt.

The cleansing of the town-end.

They ordeyne that they meyre and the mastur off the Tr*init*e Gilde comyne with Will. Pere, deyster, ffor he graunted xx s. ffor they Byrge (*sic*), and that hyt be made be the ou*er*si3t of they seyd meyre and w*ith* other off hys peyrs in schort tyme.

W. Pere and the bridge.

They ordeyne that they meyre and they Bayles shall chesse[2] in eu*er*y warde ij aletasters, the wich schall taste boythe bred and ale, so tha[t] they be able p*er*sones and discrete, and that the se off the ale that hyt be solde after the meyers Crye,[3] and that p*er*sone defauton they seyd ale-tasters schall eu*er*ychone of hem haue at eu*er*y defaute a Gallon off the best ale, and the remenaunde to be sold by they meyr eu*er*y gallon ffor a ob.[4]

"Ale-tasters."

They ordeyne that frome thys tyme fforward suche man*er* vpholders[5] w*ith*in Comprehened be pursewed as they were p*er*sones sole, and onswere ffor ther owne dedez, and all other in lyke Case.

Upholders.

They ordeyne that Michell P*ar*ker come not nor sell not with-in the (?) Cont*re* off Couentre, vppon they [peyne] off inp*r*isonment.

M. Parker expelled from the (?) country of Coventry.

[6] ¶ [V. f. p. on Saturday after Michaelmas, 18 Hen. VI.] Joh. Braytoft, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Bristowe, Egid. Allesley, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Michell,

Couentre. Oct. 3. Jury.

[1] *i. e.* they. [2] chose. M.E. chese, O.E. cōsan (Mr. Stevenson).
[3] v. *supra*, pp. 23 *sqq.*
[4] Some omission. Informers are to have the ale. *v.* p. 25.
[5] Either persons of some body corporate, or maintainers of suits.
[6] leaf 99, back.

Joh. Ronton, Will. Swan, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Clerke, Ric. Busshebury, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Deister, Will. Broun, Joh. Essex, Tho. Wirley, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Walley, Will. Perre.

Bailiffs.

[Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Lusterley.]

Constables to be chosen by the mayor and 5 [of his] peers.

Ordinaverunt quod deinceps omnes Constabularii sunt electi per maiorem & quinque socios etc.

J. Burton's house.

[The mayor, by the recorder's advice, to enter into the house in Earl Street, once Joh. Burton's.]

"Woll to be sold in the hall."

They ordeyn that all men that bye any wolle in the Cite off Couentre that hyt be brouth to the hall and ther to be weyed, payng therffore acordyng to the statut,[1] and that the Swerdberer and they meyr seriant haue the ouersyt off the weyng, & that they seyd wolle be clene & able with-ouȝt ffileth or muk as the statut wyll.[1]

Brewers and regraters.

They ordeyn that they Breusters off thys Cite of Co[uentre that] Brue ther ale to sale tha[t] þe brue after they proclamacyon and ordynance off lete, euery bruster vppon the peyne of xx s., and euery typuler vppon they peyne off dim. mark, ffor that schall be rered by the Meir and Bailles; also what maner bruester, or ells,[2] that regraton ony maner Corn with-in they Cite or withowt in they hynderyng off þe market, he schall lose xl s. atte euery defaute.

"Against setting up corn before it be brought to the market, forfeit 40*s*."

"The office of Town-Clerkshipp."

Alsoy (*sic*) they ordeyne that Symkyn Birches enjoy and haue off the office off Toun-clerkship terme off hys lyffe, takyng therffore Salaries and fees due and Custummed.

"Carted ? ffornihten-onor."[3]

Alsoy they ordeyn that Will. Powet, Capper, and his paromour be Caried and lad thorowe þe town in a Carre in exaumpull off punnyshment off syne, and that alle other that be proved in they same syne, ffrom thys tyme fforward shall haue the same peyne.

Vegetable refuse to be removed.

They ordeyne that euery man or woman that sett ouȝt ony bladys[4] in they seyde lane, but yffe they leffe[5] hyt, they schall paye atte euery deffaute xj d. (*sic*).

[1] *v.* p. 193. [2] ells = other. [3] fornicator.

[4] This is the only instance of the use of this word in South Britain known to Dr. H. Bradley, who kindly tells me that blades = vegetable refuse, *i. e.* cabbage-leaves, etc., is common in Scotland.

[5] "lift," remove.

JOH. ESSEX, MAYOR, 1440.

Easter and Michaelmas Leets.

Couentre. Easter leet. Apr. 2, 1440. Jury of 24.

[1][V. p. f. before Joh. Essex, m., Ric. Braytoft and Joh. Lusterley, b., on Saturday after Easter, 18 Hen. VI.] Joh. Braytoft,[2] Laur. Cooke, Tho. Wildegrys, Joh. Michell, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Braunston, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Busshebury, Joh. Doughty, Will. ffrysby, Rob. Southam, Hen. Sircoke, Will. Broune, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Bryan, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Dene, Joh. Lynne.

[Orders of leet.

The mayor and council ordered to undertake the assize of water; every miller to pay 6*s.* 8*d.*; half to the wall, and half to his craft, at every trespass.

[Whoever buys salt fish according to the custom of the town is to distribute it among his neighbours at the same rate at which they were first bought, or pay a fine of 40*d.* to the wall, and 40*d.* to the fishmonger's craft.]

Volunt quod assisa aque fiat *per* Maiorem & Consiliu*m* suum, p*rout* ex antiquo cons[uetum est], et quod quil*ibet* molend*inarius* soluat p*ro* quodl*ibet* (*sic*) trans*gressione* vj s. viij d. v*iz.* di*m.* muro etc., aliud di*m.* arti molend*inariorum*, p*rout* bill*a* exigit etc.

[3]Volunt q*uod* quicun*que* emant pises (*sic*) salso*s*, se*cundum* officiu*m* hui*us* ville distribuat (*sic*) int*er* conuisine*s* (*sic*) suos ad vend*endum* se*cundum* id q*uod* prius Empt*i* sint[4] etc. Et qui in cont*rarium* fac*iat* soluet vj s. viij d. p*ro* qual*ibet* trans*gressione*, etc. v*idelicet* xl d. muro ville etc. & xl d. arti eiusd*em* pisce*narii*.

Thei wyll that the wolles be weyed at the hall and that the wardens see hyt and take ffor her labur a-Cordyng to the Statute to the p*r*ofyt off the Towne.[5]

The wool to be weighed at the woolhall.

[Kerver,[6] the wardens and chamberlains whose accounts

Accounts.

[1] leaf 101, back. [2] MS. Baytoft.

[3] See Bateson, *Leicester*, I. 78, and *Law of Breteuil* (Eng. Hist. Rev. Jan. 1900). The custom allowing bystanders in the trade to go shares in a bargain was prevalent. It kept down prices, and helped to discourage regratery.

[4] I am not at all sure of this reading. It looks like "empt' suis" in MS.

[5] Statutes of the Realm, I. 390, II. 64, 292.

[6] The late mayor.

are due to be ready with them on Thursday "com seven-ygh̄t."]

Couentre. Oct. 1, 1440. Jury.

[1] [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 19 Hen. VI.] Joh. Braytoft, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Egid. Allesley, Will. Swan, Will. Kerver, Joh. Ronton, Joh. Michell, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Doughty, Ric. Busshebury, Ric. Botoner, Tho. Wyrley, Hen. Sircoke, Joh. Braunston, Rob. Southam, Joh. Spenser, Will. ffrysshebу (*sic*), Joh. Clerke, Joh. Bryan, Will. Pir, Piere (*sic*), Ric. Osburne, Ric. Dene.[2]

"One fyned ffor sueing out of this Court," *i. e.* in the Hundred court;

[3] Mem. that on Ric. Molle, weuer, because he sued on Will. Harries, deister, in þe hundreth contrarie to the ordenaunce of diuers letes made in tyme past that no man shuld enplede other but in þe kynges Courte in Couentre, but yf hit were be writte of thyng doon within þe seid Cite, vppon peyn of C s., be auctorite of þis seid lete, was demed to pay C s., be þe Maire & wardeyns to be rered.

offender to pay 100*s.*

Latrines leased to W. Pere for 99 years,

Item, at þis same lete at þe speciall peticion of on Will. Pere the sege houses[4] in þe West-orcherd were graunte to hym for terme of $\overset{xx}{\text{iiij}}$ ȝer & xix, to paie to þe towne xij d., and he to newe bylde theym, & the brige there, & so to kepe & repair theym sufficiently durynge þe seyd terme, vt per billam dicti Will. Pere in dicta leta filatam [? plenius apparet.]

as appears by his bill filed at the leet.

"Wel-stret."

"A way from Well Street to Hill Street gate" stopped.

Item, it was ordeyned at þe same lete þat ij comen lanes in þe Well-strete, whech then wer stopped, shuld be opened ayen & so kept be þe maire & Bayleffs within a weke þen next suyng, vppon [the peyn of] vj s. viij d.; þe on lane lay there vnto a well betwixt þe housez of Lusterley & Hen. Knottes, and þe other ley into þe Hill-strete be the towne-dych.

JOHN WARRANT, MAYOR, 1441.

"Couentre." Jan. 25.

[5] [¶ Election of officers.]

Electors.

Will. Swan, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wyldegrys, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Mychell, Joh. Ronten, Will. Kerver, Joh.

[1] leaf 101. [2] No record of bailiffs' election.
[3] Scribe B. [4] *v.* Gloss.
[5] leaf 102. In marg. "vacat his quia ex altera parte." Warrant's leet is leaf 102, back.

Lusterley, Rob. Southam, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Bryan, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Doughty, Ric. Botoner, Tho. Wyrley, Ric. Braytoft,[1] Joh. Prentes, Will. Birde, Ric. Osberne, Joh. Lee, Will. Pere, Joh. Lynne.

[m. Joh. Warant; cor. Sim. Birches; ch. Ric. Boyes, Ric. Scot; w. Ed. Brogreve, Joh. Walgraue; mace, Will. Oxton.] Officers.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

[2][V. f. p. held before Joh. Warrant, m., Joh. Whalley, Ed. Drouer, b., on Saturday after Easter, 19 Hen. VI.] "Couentre." Apr. 22.

Will. Swanne, Tho. Wyldegrice, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Hen. Syrcok, Rob. Southam, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Doughty, Will. ffryseby, Joh. Brampston, Joh. Clerk, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Bryan, Will. Brome [Broune], Joh. Golde, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Joh. Lee. Jury.

Ordinatum est quod Rob. Eme et omnes alii qui ludunt in festo Corporis *Christi* bene & suficienter (*sic*) ludant; Ita quod nulla impedicio fiat in aliquo ioco, sub pena xx s. cuius-libet deficientis ad vsus muri levandorum per maiorem & Camerarios etc.

[R. Eme and all others, who play in the Corpus Christi pageant, shall play well and sufficiently, so that no impediment may arise in any play, on pain of 20*s.* to the town-wall.

Item, ordinant quod Maior & Balliui per se ipsos & alios probos homines ville de Couentre semel citra festum S. Michaelis archangeli proximo futurum equitent ad videndum metas & bundas franchisarum de Couentria etc.

[The mayor, bailiffs and other honest men shall ride to see to the bounds before Michaelmas.

[The mayor to put into execution all the articles of his proclamation under the penalties contained therein.]

Volunt quod Maior et Compares sui videant defectus infra-specificatos & omnes alios defectus tocius reveli (*sic*)[3] etc.

[The mayor and his peers to look to the defaults mentioned below, and all other defaults to be revealed.

[1] MS. Brayftot. [2] leaf 102, back. [3] (?) ville.

[T. Shopes of the Priory, miller, shall be at mercy 6*s.* 8*d.* for stopping up the flood-gates. 20*s.* fine for any further offence to be levied by the chamberlains.

[The wardens to take into their hands certain tenements in Much Park Street, which A. Swete held, on condition that they see to the gutters, and repair other defaults therein, according to the petition of Joan, Ad. Swete's wife.

[W. Oxton to remove the under-mentioned butts, situated at the muck-hill in Little Park Street, without challenge of any one, by the mayor's command, and those now being made to be made in another place, provided that no one shoot in the cock-fighting place.

[Will. Oxton, sergeant-at-mace, to have the power of arresting and presenting; so that he does not suffer any warrants to be taken, and to have the gate at the Bishop Gate, so that he repair it well and sufficiently.

[They wish that if any persons indicted be arrested when the bailiffs of the town have first taken the mainprise, the bailiffs ought to aid the

Item, Thomas Shopes, milner, de Prioratu, sit in misericordia, videlicet, vj s. viij d. pro obstupacione de lez flodeȝatez in the Priory. Et quod deinceps bene se geret, sub pena xx s. pro quolibet defectu per camerarios levandorum.

Volunt quod Ga[r]duani recipiant tenementa infra-specificata, [1]videlicet, tenementa in le Mu[c]hepark-strete que Ad. Swete nuper tenu[i]t,[1] in manis (*sic*) suas, sub Condicione quod vidiant (*sic*) gutteras, & alios defectus ibidem emendent, pro[ut] petitur etc. [1]per Johannam, vxorem predicti Adam Swete.[1]

Volunt quod Will. Oxton amm[o]-veat lez butes infra specificatos, [1]situatos apud le Mukhill in þe Litilpark-strete,[1] sine contradictione alicuius per preceptum Maioris, & modo facientes faciant in alio loco; & prouiso quod nullus deinceps sagittet in le Cokfytyng place, etc.

Volunt quod [1]Will. Oxton, comien seriant,[1] habeat potestatem attachiandi & presentandi [ali] quem,[2] Ita prouiso quod non (?)sinat aliqua precepta sumenda; & quod habeat portam [1]apud le Bishopȝate[1] etc., Ita quod bene & sufficienter reparet illam.

Volunt quod si huiusmodi ind[i]c-[t]ati[2] decetero arestati existerint (*sic*) Ita quod ballivi ville de Couentre prius ceperint (?) manucapcionem, ipsi ballivi debent adiuuare gravatem[3] (*sic*)

[1—1] Interlined in another ink.

[2] doubtful.

[3] gravatum.

aggrieved party to prosecute or otherwise release the mainprise.]

ad pro*sequendum* vel (?) al*iter*[1] re-soluant m*anucapcionem* etc.

[2][V. f. p. held on Thursday after Michaelmas, 20 Hen. VI.] Will. Swanne, Tho. Wyldegryce, Laur. Coke, Joh. Braytoft, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Will. Kerver, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Botone*r*, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Lychefeld, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Prentes, Rob. Southam, Ric. Braytoft, Will. ffryseby, Ric. Bussebury, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Walg*r*aue, Tho. Swettenham, Ric. Boyes, Joh. Golde.

Oct. 5. Jury.

[Joh. Lee, Joh. Lyme.]

Bailiffs.

[They ordain that the mayor and recorder choose 12 worthy persons, their neighbours, and by their discretion it may be provided if the outer liberty be ridden, and let it be done as [of old time it was accustomed.]

Item, ordinant q*uod* Maior & Recorda*tor* elegant (*sic*) xij dignas p*er*sonas, convicinos suos, sibi, & p*er* discrecio*nes* ipsor*um* pro*u*ideat*ur* si liber*t*as exte*r*ior equitet*ur* vel (?) legiti*me*, & sic fiat p*r*out etc.

[No one dwelling in Coventry to be collector of the Fifteenth in the county without the liberties or 100*s*. fine.

Item, ordinant q*uod* deinceps nullus qui Conmorat*ur* (*sic*) infra villam de Couentre sit Collector xv^me^ in Com*itatu* Warr*ewicie* extra liber*t*atem ville p*redicte* contra tenorem Carte[3] eiusdem ville [or 100*s*. fine to the town use.]

[Neither W. Aubrey nor any one else to receive into his hostelry coal, barley, or other grain, by way of regratery, whereby the market is damaged, or 40*s*. fine.

Item, ordinant quod nec Will. Aubrey nec aliquis alius infra villam de Couentre capiat nec recipiat infra hospici*um* suu*m* carbones, ordium (*sic*), nec aliquod aliud granu*m* via regr*a*tre, Ita quod foru*m* ib*idem* in aliquo deterioret*ur* [or 40*s*. to the mayor.]

[The persons under-specified[4] are to be governed according to the mayor, recorder and their craft, like the rest of their craft, or pay 20*s*. to the town wall.][5]

Rebellious crafts-people to be ruled by the mayor, etc.

[1] alt*er*. [2] leaf 103. [3] Pat. 11 R. II. p. 2 m. 29 (Dugd. 98).
[4] infra cont*ente*.
[5] Probably this was a new attempt to strike or make a journeymen's guild. In January 1441 the corporation obtained a confirmation of previous grants, forbidding the formation of new guilds. Corp. MS. B. 47.

[The bailiffs are to be present with the mayor and J. Ps., and if the latter have attributed misdoing to any one, as this bill supposes, against the law, they (the former) are to make amends to the injured party. And no bailiff to arrest any one against the good custom of the city.]

Volunt quod Ballivi sint presentes Coram maiore, Justiciariis pacis infra Ciuitatem Couentrie, & si predicti fecissent[1] offencionem alicui, prout supponitur per billam, contra legem, emendent parti lese. Et quod nullus Ballivus decetero attachiet aliquem contra bonum vsum Ciuitatis predicte, [or 100*s.* to the town's use.]

JOHN BRAYTOFT, MAYOR, 1442.

"Couentre." Jan. 25.

[2][Election of officers.]

Electors.

Tho. Wylgrys, Laur. Cooke, Joh. Leder, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Michell, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Lusterley, Rob. Southam, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Prentys, Joh. Clerk, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Doughty, Ric. Botoner, Will. Birde, Joh. Golde, Will. Pere, Ric. Deane, Ric. Austen.

Officers.

[m. Joh. Braytoft; cor. Joh. Whalley, ch. Gerv. Cole, Joh. Rechford; w. Ed. Brogreve, Joh. Walgraue; mace, Will. Oxton.]

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

"Couentre." Apr. 7.

[3]¶ [V. f. p. held before Joh. Braytoft, m., Joh. Lee, Joh. Lynne, b., on Saturday after Easter, 20 Hen. VI.]

Jury.

Tho. Wi[l]degrys, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Michell, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warant, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Clerk, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Doughty, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Prentes, Rob. Southam, Hen. Sircok, Tho. Swettenham, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Dene.

[Orders of leet.

[The wardens to pay 13*s.* 4*d.* every Christmas to the Corpus Christi guild master until £9 10*s.* 0*d.* is paid,

Item, ordinant quod Gardinani (*sic*) soluant annuatim Magistro Gilde Corporis *Christi* xiij s. iiij d. quousque ix li. & x s. plenarie persoluti fuerint prefatis Magistro & Successoribus

[1] It looks like "feoffent." [2] leaf 103. Scribe B.
[3] leaf 103, back. Scribe of C type but more legible.

and the master is to give the money to T. Stratton for the business which he undertook for the town's profit.

[The mayor to provide paviors to pave the streets,

and the wages shall be raised by distraint; if any one have a free tenement within the town [he shall pay, etc.].

[The common sub-bailiff shall have the pigs, within as well as without the town at the pound, and take ½*d.* for each foot, and have the money himself.

[No one henceforward to pull down a house without rebuilding it, under pain of paying £10 [for one of] 10*s.* [rent] and so according to that proportion, the mayor and bailiffs to have one half and the chamberlains the other for the exercise [of their office].

[The common bailiff to cleanse the pound within 15 days or 3*s.* 4*d.* fine.

[The sub-bailiff to give warning where need is, and all defaults to be emended before suis annuatim ad *festum* Nat*ivitatis* Dom*ini*, quos (*sic*) quidem ix li. & x s. eidem Mag*ist*ro plene persolut*os* (?)[1] Thome Stratton *pro* negociis que ad opus ville de Couentr*ia* pr*o*fecit[1] (*sic*) etc.

Volunt q*uo*d Maior pr*o*videat pauiatores ad pauiand*as* stratas pr*o*ut infra desiderat*ur*, & p*ro* stipend*io* inde soluend*o* leuant*ur* (*sic*) *per* districc*ion*em; si aliquis h*ab*eat aliquod lib*er*um tenementu*m* infra villam de Couentre etc.

Et quoad porcos tam infr*a* villam q*uam* extr*a*, co*mmun*is Sub-b*allivus* h*ab*eat illos ad Co*mmun*es (*sic*) parcu*m*, et levat p*ro* quol*ibet* pede ob., & ipsemet h*ab*eat pecuniam sic leuat*am* etc.

Et quoad domos infra specificatas[2] ordinant & pr*o*uident quod nullus deinceps euellant (*sic*) domos aliquas infra vill*am* nisi reedificat illud (*sic*), sub pe*n*a soluend*i* p*ro* ten*emento* vac*ante* x s. x li. & sic secund*um* ratam, & quod Maior & Ball*ivi* h*ab*eant vn*am* d*imidiam*, & Came*r*arii h*ab*eant aliam d*imidiam* etc. ad ex*er*cend*a* etc.[3]

Et q*uo*d co*mmun*is Sub-b*alliuus* mu*n*dat Co*mmun*em parcu*m* infra quindenam pr*oxim*o seq*uent*em, sub pe*n*a xl d.

Volunt q*uo*d co*mmun*is Subball*iuus* pr*e*muniat vbi necesse est, pr*o*ut infra fit menc*io*, *et* tunc q*uo*d om*n*es defect*us* emendant*ur* citra *festum*

[1] Probably some word omitted. We should expect "qui quidem . . . persolvantur" (Mr. Stevenson).
[2] MS. specificat*ur*. [3] *v.* p. 223.

Nativity of S. John Baptist.

Nat*ivitatis* S. Joh*ann*is Bapt*iste* p*roximo* futur*um*, [or 6*s.* 8*d.* fine at every default, half to the mayor and half to the chamberlains.]

[They [the waits] are to have their livery on condition that they have a trumpet, and the escutcheons (badges) on security being found; that is to say, they shall have a dozen of cloth worth 20*s.* due to them for their livery from the wardens, against Corpus Christi.

Volunt quod h*ab*eant vesturas suas p*rout* billa ista exigit etc. sub Condici*one* quod h*ab*eant vnu*m* Trumpet, p*rout* infra fit menc*io* etc. & les skecons[1] sub securitate inventa h*abe*bunt etc., *videlicet* h*abe*bunt vnam xij panni (*sic*) p*ro* vestura etc. sibi debit*a* p*er* Gardianos p*recii* xx s. etc. erga f*estu*m Corp*o*ris *Christi* etc.

[All leet ordinances from aforetime to be observed under the penalties contained therein to be levied to the town's use.]

"Couentre." Oct. 6.

[2]¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday in the octave of Michaelmas, 21 Hen. VI.]

Jury.

Tho. Wyldegrys, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Esex, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Clerk, Will. ffrysby, Rob. Southam, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Prentes, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Botone*r*, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Brampton. Ed. Drouer, Joh. Deister, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Bryan, Tho. Swettenham, Joh. Gold.

Bailiffs.

[Ric. Dene, Joh. Grynder.]

[Orders of leet.

[The wardens to have the rents of the town by the watering-place for the next year, and not the chamberlains; and for every pig doing damage there, they shall take 4*d.* upon delivery, and also they shall collect in the town for their expenses.]

Volunt q*uo*d h*ab*eant redditu*m* Gardinor*um* ville ib*ide*m iuxta le Wateryng-plase p*er* vnu*m* annu*m* p*roximo* futur*um*, et q*uo*d Came*r*arii p*ro* p*roximo* anno non p*er*cipiant redditu*m* ib*ide*m etc. & insup*er* quod Capiant pro quodl*ibet* (*sic*) porco ib*ide*m dampnu*m* faciente iiij d. p*ro* deliberac*ione* h*abend*a etc., ac eciam coliant[3] (*sic*) in villa p*ro* costag*iis* suis fact*is* etc.

[1] Sharp, *Cov. Mysteries*, 208. [2] leaf 104. [3] ?colligant.

THO. WYLDGRISE, MAYOR, 1443.

[1][Election of officers.] Jan. 25.

Electors. Joh. Warant, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michel, Will. Swan, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Lusterley, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Prentys, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Brian,[2] Tho. Wirley, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Spenser, Ed. Drover, Joh. Lee, Will. Pere, Joh. Golde, Ric. Boyes, Ric. Scotte, Joh. Boteler, Joh. Biram.

Officers. [m. Tho. Wilgris; cor. Joh. ffynch; ch. Ric. Alen, Will. Kemp; w. Tho. Warmyngton, Tho. Rastell; mace, Will. Oxton.]

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

[3][V. f. p. held before Tho. Wylgris, m., Ric. Deane and Joh. Grynder, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 21 Hen. VI.] Apr. 27, 1443.

Joh. Warant, Joh. Leder, Will. Swan, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Listerley, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Southam, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Clerk, Will. Broun, Joh. Whalley, Ed. Drover, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Briane, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lynne, Joh. Spenser, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Prentys, Tho. Wirly, Edm. Brogreve, Joh. Walgraue.

[The bitters to repair the Broad-well, so that no water flows into the place where the horses stand, before the feast of the Ascension, or every one having a horse standing there to pay 6*s.* 8*d.*; and no horse is to come there, under the same penalty.

[A good iron grating to be made in Little Park Street at the cost of the wardens on their land, and whoever has lands or tenements adjoining the Redditch [shall contribute.

Qui volunt & ordinant quod lez Bitters[4] emendant le Brodewell quod aqua non emanet in locum vbi equi stant ibi citra festum Ascensionis Domini proximo futurum, sub pena cuiuslibet qui habet equum illuc venientem vj s. viij d., & interim nullus equus ibi permittere (*sic*) evenire (*sic*), sub eadem pena.

Item, volunt & ordinant quod fiat vnum bonum gredeyron ferri in le Litel-park-strete ad custagia Gardianorum, [5]& vlterius quod quilibet qui habet terras vel tenementa adiacentes ad le Reddych super solum suum[5]

[1] leaf 105. Scribe B. [2] Repeated and deleted. [3] leaf 105, back.
[4] Repairers, 'beaters,' from bete = O.E. bētan, to mend, etc. (Mr. Stevenson).
[5–5] This seems an interpolated and incomplete sentence.

thereunto] for the cleaning of the same ditch; it is to be of reasonable length and breadth, namely, 4 inches only between each bar stretching in depth (?).[1]

[Latrines to be taken away from the Red-ditch before Whitsuntide or 6*s.* 8*d.* fine; so are others between Attelborough-place and Gowers-place and wherever else is necessary.]

..... *pro* mu*n*dac*ione* eiusd*em* fossa*ti*, *rac*ionabil*is* latitud*in*is & altitud*in*is, v*idelicet* iiij polic*es* int*er* quaml*ibet* barra*m* solu*m*mo*do* extend*entes* in altu*m* etc.

Et q*uo*d quil*ibet* qui h*ab*et latrina*m* sup*er* fossatu*m* p*re*dict*um* auferat ea*m* citra fest*um* Pente*costes* p*roximum* etc. s*ub* pe*n*a vj s. viij d. & si*m*iliter omn*es* al*ie* a Attilburgh-place vsq*ue* tene*mentum* voc*atum* Gowers-place, & alib*i* vbi necesse e*st* infra villa*m* etc.

"Couentre." Michaelmas leet. Oct. 5, 1443. 24 electors.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 22 H. VI.] Joh. Warant, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharp, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Lusterley, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Southam, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Braunston, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Botoner, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Spenser, Ed. Drover, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lynne, Joh. Brian, Ric. Boyes, Tho. Swetnam.

Bailiffs. [Will. Pere, Joh. Walgrave.][2]

RIC. BRAYTOFT, MAYOR, 1444.

Jan. 25. [3][Election of officers "in aula S. M*ar*ie, loco ad hoc consueto."][4]

Electors. Will. Kerv*er*, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Mychell, Will. Swan, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Listerley, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Prentes, Will. Frisby, Rob. Southam, Ric. Botone*r*, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Dene, Joh. Lee, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Spens*er*, Joh. Goolde, Ric. Boyse, Ric. Skott, Gerv. Cole.

Officers. [m. Ric. Braitofte; cor. Joh. Fynche; ch. Ric. Clerk, Will. Clerke; w. Tho. Warmynton, Tho. Rastell; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. Ps. Ric. Braitofte, m., Will. Donyngton, rec., Will. Keru*er*, M. G. S. T., Joh. Leeder, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Bristowe.

[1] The bars were to be perpendicular and not horizontal (Mr. Stevenson).

[2] A much corrected sheriffs' and bailiffs' oath follows, leaf 107, back; other versions transcribed, *v.* p. 224.

[3] leaf 108. Scribe A.

[4] First mention of S. Mary's Hall in this connection.

Ric. Braitoft, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildgrise, Joh. Bristow.] Key-keepers.

QUARREL BETWEEN THE WEAVERS AND CORVESERS.

[1]ffor-alsomoche as hit was notiffied & Relac*i*on made vnto þe meire, that is to sey Ric. Braytoft, þat cer*t*en debates & stryves wer had betwen the Crafte of Weue*r*s & the Crafte of Coruisors, The said maio*u*r in keping of the peace, and allso willyng good rule & rest to be had betwen the said Craftys, mad to com a-for hym bothe the said Craft*is* chargyng hem to kep the peace, and allso to bryng hym in Wrytyng the matt*u*r & greuau*n*ce þat was betwen them. And so the Thursday next aft*u*r the fest of saynct Math[ew][2] thapostle the said Craft*is* brought vnto the maio*u*r in wrytyng the cause of ther greuance. Submittyng themselffe w*i*th due submission to abyde the rule of the maio*u*r & his Counsell. Wherupon the maio*u*r & his councell, whos [names] heraftur folowen, the complaint*es* of bothe pa*r*ties herd & vnd*u*rstond, haue ordenyd & pr*o*uyded that the Crafte of coruysers shuld Restore and satisfie vnto John Wamb*u*rne of Couentre, weue*r*, xl d., þat is to say the said xl d., the hoode & the paire of Glouys þat wer taken awey fro*m* John Feythyng, se*r*uau*n*t vnto the said John Wamburne, when the seid John Feithyng was betyn. And oue*r* þat the seid Craft of Coruysers shull pay for the betyng & for ano*þ*e*r* trespas that was doon in the house of John Symonde*s*, Coruise*r*, in despyte of the weue*r*s vj s. viij d.

Feb. 26 or Sept. 24, 1444. "Varyans betwen þe weavers and Coruesers." The weavers and corvesers

bring a written account of their mutual grievances, submitting to the arbitration of the mayor and council.

The corvesers

are to restore 40*d.* a hood, gloves,

and 6*s.* 8*d.*,

Allso the said maio*u*r & his counsell orden that þe Crafte of Coruise*r*s shall pay to Thom. Burdeux, weue*r*, C s.[3] in satisfacc*i*on of the t*r*espas doon to hym the tyme þat he was beeton be ce*r*ten pe*r*sons of the said Crafte of coruisers, for the w*i*ch he was in dispair of his lyffe. Allso þat the Crafte of weue*r*s for dyue*r*s offences made by the coruisers to dyuers men of the weue*r*s shall haue C s., the said C s. to be eton and dronken among the fellauship of both Craftys.

and 100*s.*

in compensation; and another 100*s.* to be spent at a feast between the two crafts.

[1] leaf 108, back.
[2] Sept. 21. St. Matthias' is Feb. 24. It might be either saint.
[3] "The said C s. to be eton and dronken" obliterated.

And on no account shall new names for cloths be used.

Allso þei orden that noo man of the Crafte of Coruysers fro this tyme forward shall vse ne new namys as in Callyng blake of lyre[1] Queyr*es* anamelynges ne non o*þer* suche namys of noo thyng *þat* longyth to *þe*[2] Crafte.

J. Wamburn, weaver, to make satisfaction

Allso thei orden *þat* John Wamburn, weu*er*, for hymselffe & Will*iam* Pars, weu*er*, for the offence *þat* thei made to John Maynard shall pay to John Maynard & Wyll*iam* Ward, coruys*er*, xl d. in satisfacc*i*on of thoffens & t*r*espas *þat* wer made to John Maynard & Will*iam* Ward.

to the corvesers;

and the craft of weavers

Allso þei orden th*at* all the Crafte of weu*er*s shall pay and satisfie to *þe* Crafte of Coruys*er*s xx s. for thoffens & t*r*espas don to Benet Stockton, coruis*er*, in dispite of the Crafte of coruis*er*s; and *þat* xx s. to be disposid in mete & drynk a-mong the felaushiip of both Craftes.

to contribute 20*s*. to a drinking.

Names of mayor's council in this affair, 36 in all.

N*omina* consilii maior*is* in hoc casu. Will. Donyngton, Recordator, Will. Kerv*er*, M. G. S. T., Joh. Leeder, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Bristow, Joh. Mychell, Will. Swane, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Listurley, Joh. Lichefeld, Joh. Clerke, Rob. Southam, Joh. Prentes, Ric. Bottoner, Will. Frisbye, Joh. Doughty, Will. Broun, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Spencer, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Lynne, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Lee, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Goolde, Ric. Boyse, Ed. Brogreve, Tho. Swettenham, Will. Clerke, Will. Pier, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Dene, Ric. Alen, Tho. Rastell, Ric. Austen.

Those new-fangled names

[3]Allso hit is ordenyd by the maio*ur* and his forseid Councell *þat* if any man of the Crafte of coruis*er*s vse to call, or in tyme comyng call, any new namys in ther crafte, as callyng blake of lyre Queyers a-namelynge*s*, or any other suche feynyd names, but onely suche namys as haue ben vsed afore tyme, that allso ofte as they do soo, or any of them doo soo, they shall forfett xx s. in money,

to be tabooed or 20*s*. fine.

x s. to the maio*ur* & x s. to the baylyff*es* for the tyme beyng at eu*er*y t*r*espas.

[1] v. *N. E. D.* lyre. A kind of cloth from Lire in Brabant. "Queyres anamelynges" seems a fine-sounding nonsense word such as is found in drapers' catalogues now; perhaps from cuir = leather, and enamelling.

[2] "to the" repeated.

[3] leaf 109.

THE CARDMAKERS' PAGEANT.

The pageant of the cardmakers, saddlers, painters and masons to be supported by the united fellowship.

ffor-alsomoche as the Crafte of Cardemakers, Sadelers, Masons, and peyntors of the Cite of Coventre be long tyme I-past haue byn as oone fellauship in beryng Costys, charges and all oþer dueties of old tyme to ther pagent & to the said felauship longyng. And now late, þat is to say in the tyme of Ric. Braytoft, maiour of the said cite, the said felauship for certen causes among hem movyd wer lyke to departe and to breke þer felauship. Wherfor certen persons of[1] the said Craftez, shewyng to the maiour the causz of ther grevance, besought hym in this mattur to sett due Remedye. And so by goodly leysur the maiour, callyng a-fore hym & his counsell all the said hoole fellauship, Rehersid vnto them the grevouse complayntes þat wern made to hym by certen persons of the said felauship. The for-namyd felauship willyng to be Ruled compromytted hem to abyde the Rule and ordynaunce of þe meire and his councell. And so by aduyse of the said meire and his councell, hit is ordenyd that the said iiij Craftes shal-be oone felauship beryng Costes, charges, and all oþer dueties to her pagent and to þer felauship longyng. And þat thei shall yerely chose new masturs a-pon saynt Thomas day in *Christ*inmas weke in the forme and maner folowyng: That is to say, þer shal-be of euery of the said Craftys iij men in a place consuette within the said cite; and ther in the fest of saynt Thomas thai shall chose of euery of the said iiij Craftes oone Mastur for the yer folowyng. And if so be þat any of the said Craftes a monethe afore the said fest be reasonable cause vnfayned may excuse hyme that thei may not be at þe Eleccion of the masturs at the said feeste, That then the Crafte or the Craftez þat may nott be ther shall bryng in iij menys names of the Crafte þat may not be þer at þe eleccion, and what-soeuer the iij personnes with oþer þat shal-be a-pon the eleccion doo, Thei þat ben awey to agre þerto; and also sone as the masturs be chosen that same day or thei departe the new masturs so chosen shall take þer consuett Othe. And allso euery person of the said Craftys

[1] MS. of of.

shall pay yerely to the masturs xij d. and all o*þer* dueties, customes, and laufull charg*es* *þat* long to *þe* pagent & to the said felaushiþ; and all money *þat* shal-be reryd [1]for makyng of new brethren or els in other wais to the Craft*es* renued, as hit is gadred hit shal-be put in a co*m*en box *þer* to be kepte to the vse of the said felaushiþ and to the wurshiþ of this cite. Allso eu*er*y mastur of *þe* seid iiij Craftes shall haue due Correcc*i*on of his own Crafte of all the p*ri*ue poynt*es* *þat* long to his Crafte, w*ith*out medelyng or ent*ur*mettyng[2] of any o*þer* Craftys. Allso *þat* *þer* shall no man of the said iiij Craftes play in no pagent on Corpus *Chris*t*i* day save onely in the pagent of his own Crafte, w*ith*out he have lycens of the maio*ur* *þat* shal-be for the yer. Allso *þat* eu*er*y man that hath any money of forfett*es* *þat* have byn made, or els money for makyng of bredren afore this tyme in the said Craftes, that hit be brought in be-twen this & the fest of All Saynt*es* next comyng, and that to the maio*ur*. And also *þat* all *þe* masturs of the said felaushiþ *þat* have not accomptid a-fore this tyme *þat* thay mak *þer* a-compte be-twene this and the fest of All Saynt*es* next comyng, and all the arereage, if any be, *þat* hit be brought in the same day and delyu*er*yd unto the co*m*en box. And allso *þat* all masturs *þat* now byn, and all the masturs of the said felaushiþ *þat* shal-be heraft*ur*, yerle shall make *þer* acompte, eu*er*y mastur for his tyme at the fest of Estur. P*ro*vyded allwey *þat* the Crafte of masons, ne none of hem, shall not be chargid to com to noo buryeng, weddyng, ne offryng of the said Craft*es* on workedais. And who of the said felliship disobeith this ordyna*u*nce, or forefettyth in any of them, shall pay at eu*er*y forfett xli to *þe* maio*ur* of the Cite of Coue*n*tre that tyme beyng w*ith*outen any g*r*ace.

No craftsman of the fellowship to play but in this pageant.

Nomina concilii maior*is* in hoc casu.

Names of the mayor's council. 53 councillors.

Will. Keru*er*, Tho. Wildgrise, Ric. Sharp, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant, Joh. Lysturley, Will. Peir, Rob. Southam, Joh. Clerk, Will. Frisby, Joh. Lychfeld, Will. Broun, Hen. S*ir*cok, Joh. Spens*er*, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Bryan,

[1] leaf 109, back. [2] Interfering.

Joh. Braunston, Joh. Grynder, Ed. Drou*er*, Ric. Boton*er*, Sim. Birches, Will. Braytofte, Ric. Osburne, Joh. Lynne, Joh. Lee, Ric. Clerke, Ric. Boise, Ric. Skott, Tho. Warmynton, Ed. Brogreue, Tho. Rastell, Gerv. Coole, Tho. Suettenham, Ric. Alen, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Wymondeswold, Will. Bird, Rob. Eme, Joh. Honyburne, Joh. Franklen, Ric. Clerke, Joh. Swan, Joh. Perpoynt, Tho. Elderbek, Joh. Sircok, Joh. George, Ric. Dyvett, Tho. Bristow, Joh. Stafford, Ric. Capper, Rob. Bradmedow, Rob. Barnsley, Tho. Bradmedow.

WARWICK'S LOAN.

Loan to my Lord of Warwick, 100 marks. £66 13*s*. 4*d*.

[1]Memoran*dum* that thies wurthy men, whose names heraft*ur* folow, haue lant vnto my lord of Warr[ewik] C marc' of st*er*lyng to be paid atte fest of saynt Martyne in Wynt*ur* next comyng, as hit appearith by a obligac*i*on in the w*i*ch obligac*i*on Tho. Port*er*, Squyer, and Hen. S*ir*cok, of Couentr*e* ar bound vnto Ric. Braytoft, Meir*e*, Tho. Wyldgrise and to Ric. Sharp; the w*i*ch obligac*i*on remaynyth in the hond*es* of Ric. Braytoft, meir*e*.

[Ric. Braytofte, £3. 13s. 4d.; Will. Keru*er*, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Mychell, Will. Pier, Joh. Listerley, Joh. Ronton,[2] £2. 0s. 0d. apiece; Joh. Bristowe, £1. 13. 4d.; Will. Swan, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Lychefeld, Ed. Drouer, Ric. Boton*er*, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Bryan, Hen. S*ir*coke, Will. Brown, drap*er*, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Lynne, Sim. Birches, Ric. Clerke, hosier, Joh. Spenc*er*,[3] Ric. Alen, Ric. Boise, Ric. Osbarn, Will. Braitofte, Ed. Brogreue, Ric. Capper, Joh. George £1. 0s. 0d. each; Ric. Dene, Joh. Lee, 13s. 4d. apiece; Tho. Wildgrise £5. 0s. 0d.; "Magist*er* gilde S. T*r*init*at*is p*ro* gilda etc." £20. 0s. 0d.[4]]

The master of the guild £20.

[1] leaf 110. [2] Sum either xls. or xxs. [3] "hosier" deleted.

[4] A deleted passage adds: & vltra hoc maior h*a*b*et* C s. quos (*sic*) C s. gilda s*an*cte T*r*init*at*is Couentre erun*t* (*sic*) solut*i* p*er* Tho. Rastell & Joh. Warde, hosier, et ad q*uo*d obligat*i* sun*t* in q*uo*dam Scripto obligat*or*io remanen*te* in manib*us* m*a*gist*r*i, et erun*t* solut*i* in f*est*o Pasche p*rox*im*o* futuro, i. e. "that the mayor has 100 s. which the Trinity Guild will pay by (*per*) Tho. Rastell and Joh. Warde, hosier, and in which they are bound by a written bond in the master's hands, payable at the following Easter." There is also the explanation of the deletion:—"This is drawen & crossed bycause the C s. is in the sum*m*e of the T*r*inite gilde, for afore the Sum*m*e was xv li."

EASTER LEET.

Apr. 20. [1][V. f. p. held before Ric. Braytoft, m., Will. Pier, Joh. Walg*r*aue, b., on Monday after the close ("Clauis") of Easter.]

Jury. Will. Keru*er*, Tho. Wildegrise, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Swanne, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Leeder, Joh. Clerke, Rob. Southam, Hen. S*ir*coke, Joh. Prentes, Will. Broune, Tho. Wirley, Will. Frisby, Ed. Drou*er*, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Lee, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Dean, Joh. Grynder, Ric. Clerke, Joh. Lysturley, Tho. Warmyngton, Ed. Brogreue.

The Red-ditch. [Any one who has a tenement adjoining the Red-ditch to make clean against (erga) the tenement on both sides before the Nativity of S. John Baptist or 6*s.* 8*d.* fine, 1*s.* 8*d.* to the mayor and 5*s.* to the wardens.]

[The cunduits to be locked from 9 o'clock at night to 4 in the morning; and no brewer to take from them water for brewing, but only to prepare food, or 40*s.* [? 40*d.*] fine, 1*s.* to the mayor and 2*s.* 4*d.* to the wardens. Entrails not to be washed there under the same penalty for every time.

[Everybody shall clean the river Sherbourne against his holding, beginning at Crow mill, and thus as far as the Priory; and the Hill-mill brook the same, before Whitsuntide or 40*s.* [? 10*s.*] fine; 3*s.* 4*d.* to the mayor, and 6*s.* 8*d.* to the wardens. No manure to be swept into the gutter or 4*d.* fine. And no one put or throw

Volunt & ord*inant* quod le Conduyt*es* sint serat*i* a ix hora in nocte usq*ue* ad horam quart*am* in mane, & quod null*us* commun*is* pandoxator capiat ib*id*em aquam ad brasiand*um*, *sed* solum*modo* ad paranda cibaria sua, sub pena xl s.[2], vid*elicet* xij d. m*aiori* et ij s. iiij d. gardian*is* etc. & quod null*us* deinceps lavet lez poodynges ad le condites sub consimili pena, & tociens quotiens etc.

Item, volunt & ord*inant* quod quilibet mundet rivilum de Shurburn erga tenur*am* suam incipient (*sic*) apud le Crow myll, & sic usq*ue* ad Prioratum. & le Hillmyl-broke similit*er* cit*ra* fest*um* Penthecosthes (*sic*) proxim*o* futur*um*, sub pena xl s.[2] vid*elicet* m*aiori* xl d. & vj s. viij d. Gard*ianis* ad vsum ville. & quod null*us* de cetero infra villam Scopat muke seu vilia in le chanell, sub pena iiij d. tociens quotiens. & quod

[1] leaf 115, back. The king's regnal year is omitted. [2] An error here.

muck or ? posts in the river or the same penalty. The mayor is to appoint 2 or 4 men in each ward sworn to present defaults.]

nullus deinceps iactat nec ponat muk *vel* past in rivilum *sub* pena iij s. iiij d., levando*rum* in forma *predicta*. & *quod* maior ordinat in *quolibet* vico ij^{os} uel quatuor homines ad presentandos defectus in *premissis* ad hoc Jurat*os*.

LOAN TO THE KING.

[1][The following "worthi men" lent ("lant") £100 to the King, "the vj^{t} Henry."] 1444. £100 loan raised

64 names. [Gosford Street. according to wards.

Collectors:—Joh. Barbour, Ric. Skott, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Baker, deist*er*. Total £11 12*s*. 0*d*.]

	£	*s*.	*d*.
Wal. Bond		1	0
Hen. Warmynton		2	0
Rog. Wyly		3	0
Baldwin Metley		2	0
Joh. Kebull		1	0
Tho. Hall		2	0
Joh. Baker, d[e]ist*er*		6	0
Will. Bocher		2	0
Ric. Skott		6	8
Will. Lambard		2	0
Joh. Langton		5	0
Ad. Gawge		5	0
Will. Cook*es*		4	0
Wal. Tirrell		2	0
Mat. Curtes		2	0
Ric. Cookes		5	0
Laur. Cooke		13	4
Ric. Toly		2	0
Ric. Foston		3	0
Will. Rothewell		2	0
Joh. Langcastell		1	0
Ric. Molle		3	0
Joh. Sheldon, jun.		5	0
Will. Dawe		6	0
[2]Barbur, gent.		4	0
Joh. Braban		6	8
Joh. Cok*es*		2	0
Ric. St*er*lyng		1	0
Ric. Anabuls		2	0
Tho. Smythe		1	0
Joh. Stafford, sen.		6	0
Joh. Straunge		4	0
Will. Smyth, wolman		5	0
Will. Jones		4	0
Joh. Hall, drap*er*		2	0
Ric. Bocher		3	0
Tho. Bowyer		4	0
Ric. Tiler		4	0
Ric. Collett		4	0
Tho. Kynnesbury		2	0
Joh. Stafford, jun.		2	0
Rob. Nevell		5	0
Will. Haddon		3	0
Tho. Stone		5	0
Will. Gilberd		5	0
Joh. Atturton		2	0
Tho. Wildgryse		13	4
Tho. Mason		5	0
Ric. Som*er*		5	0
Joh. Manton		4	0
Tho. Horsley		2	0
Rob. Smyth		2	0
Joh. Travas		2	0
*Christ*iana Golofre		5	0
Greg. Boteler		1	0
Joh. Eston		3	0
Will. Harres		2	0
Eust. Golofur		5	0
Ad. Ismay		3	0
Sim. Baker		5	0
Johanna Euesham		5	0
Joh. Rage		3	0
Agn. Capper		2	0
Will. Knyght		2	0
Summa £11 12*s*. 0*d*.			

51 names. [Jordan Well.

Collectors:—Joh. Franklen, Joh. Shade, Rob. Eme, Ric. Alwold. Total £10 4*s*. 1*d*.]

	£	*s*.	*d*.
Ric. Allwold		6	0
Rob. Newton		6	8
Rob. Eme		6	0
Tho. Eldurbek		3	4
Joh. Hawkyns		1	8
Will. Crampe		5	0
Will. Broun		12	0
Joh. Brian		12	0
Joh. Squyer		5	0

[1] leaf 110, back. [2] Blank.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Cat*er*		6	8
Ric. Barbour		1	0
Joh. Whalley		12	0
Ric. Rage		1	8
Ric. Cleibrooke		1	8
Ric. Tomson		1	0
Joh. Elderbek		1	0
Joh. Peche		6	0
Joh. Franklen		6	0
Joh. Shadde		6	0
Ric. Recheford		5	0
Will. Flout*er*		1	0
Ric. Clerke		6	0
Tho. Hakett		1	8
Joh. Heyne		1	8
Joh. Prentes		9	0
Joh. Hawkyns, wright		1	0
Joh. Recheford		8	0
Joh. Lee		10	0
Joh. Street		1	8
Joh. Pyncherd[1]		5	0
Tho. Smyth		1	8
Will. Dowbryge		1	8
Joh. Maidford		4	0
Nic. Ourton		1	0
[2]Joh. Barret, mylner		1	0
Joh. Egull		6	0
Joh. Folkeshull		1	8
Joh Stoneley		1	8
Will. Castelton		3	4
Rad. Plumer		5	0
Joh. Chacombe		1	8
Tho. Dikons		3	0
Will. Flecher		2	0
Will. Bowre		1	8
Joh. Parkyn		1	8
Joh. Onfeld		1	8
Will. Bolton		3	4
Tho. Gybons		1	8
Tho. Bagett		6	0
Tho. Tatte		1	8
Will. Glouer		1	0
Summa £10 4*s.* 1*d.*			

60 names.

[Bayly Lane.

Collectors:—Joh. Sircoke, Joh. Oderiche, Tho. Jakeman, Ric. Tokeby. Total £6 18*s.* 0*d.*]

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Marston		1	0
Will. Crowe		1	0
Joh. Barton		1	4
Joh. Byram		4	0
Nic. Knyght		1	4
Joh. Bordale		3	0
Hen. Watford		2	6
Will. Swyfte		1	4
Will. Dubber		1	8
Hen. Wright		1	2
Ric. Dyvett		4	0
Joh. Whitehede			8
Steph. Wilkyns		1	0
Joh. Buteler		1	8
Ric. Tau*er*ner		1	0
Bartillmew Broderer		1	0
Will. Westley		1	0
Will. Bilston		1	0
Will. Mason		2	0
Hen. Barker		1	3
Will. Jhonson		1	10
Joh. Baker		1	2
Tho. Joy*ner*		1	8
Tho. Wirley		5	4
Joh. Spens*er*		5	4
Hugo Shryve		2	0
Ric. Berbroun[3]		4	0
Tho. Brydd		3	4
Rob. Peuterer		1	0
Joh. Bechamp		4	0
Tho. Fawkys		1	4
Nic. Carre		1	8
Will. Broke		3	4
Joh. Ronton		8	0
Joh. Hull, baker		4	0
Tho. Loot			8
Ric. Smale		1	8
Hugo Newton		1	3
Ric. Hampton		3	4
Ric. Deister		2	0
Rob. Skyll		2	6
Joh. Power		1	4
Joh. Whitley		3	4
Will. Clerke		4	0
Joh. Gryme		4	0
Joh. Olyffe		2	0
Rob. Gloucest*ur*			8
Tho. Hobbes		1	0
Joh. Bayly		3	4
Ric. Oderyche		2	0
Joh. Crose		2	8
Tho. Swettglade			8
Joh. Wilkyns		2	4
Rad. Merc*er*		1	8
Rob. Coryour		1	4
Joh. Skyll			8
Joh. Sircoke			8
Joh. Odryche		2	8
Tho. Jakeman		2	8
[4]Ric. Tokeby		2	0

54 names.

[5][Broadgate.

Collectors:—Tho. Spens*er*, Joh. Eborall, Ric. Essex, Joh. Malory. Total £4 13*s.* 0*d.*]

	£	s.	d.
Alicia Illage		3	0
Joh. Nele, tailo*ur*		1	4
Will. Bedford		1	4
Joh. Blackamoore		2	0
Will. Spenc*er*		2	0
Tho. Spenc*er*		2	0
Ric. Vlnere, *mercer*		1	0
Rad. Duffeld		1	0
Ed. Brogreve		5	0
Joh. Locok		1	4
Joh. Radley, tailour		2	0
Tho. Bristow		3	4
Joh. Eborall		1	4
Walt. Paslow		1	0
Rog. Stanley		1	4

[1] The schoolmaster. [2] leaf 111. [3] Perbroun, p. 177.
[4] Total wanting. [5] leaf 111, back.

	£	s.	d.
Will. Dyngley		1	0
Rob. Wodward		3	0
Joh. Capper		3	4
Joh. Crampe		1	4
Joh. Swettenham		1	4
Joh. Malory		1	8
Tho. Goldsmyth		1	8
Joh. Spenser, mercer		1	8
Joh. Dalton		2	0
Rob. Persale		1	0
Ric. Morell		1	8
Alic. Bristow & Katerina Brykhull	2	0	
Will. Drought		1	4
Will. Dawbney		2	0
Rog. Mylner		1	0
Joh. Hopton		1	0
Hen. Hend, tailour		1	0
Hugo Manton		2	0
Joh. Mynfold		1	8
Ric. Clerke		1	8
Will. Draper		1	4
Will. Chaterton		1	4
Joh. Riconjay		1	0
Will. Abraham		2	0
Hen. Rogers		1	0
Tho. Napton		1	0
Joh. Derby		2	0
Hen. Sircok		6	0
Joh. Hony		2	0
Egid. Allesley		3	0
Will. Canley		1	0
Joh. Crose, husbondman		2	0
Alic. Newbold		1	4
Will. Baryngton		1	4
Tho. Lyones, weuer		1	0
Joh. Purs		1	4
Will. Wirisdale		1	0
Joh. Hare, mason		1	0
Summa £4 13*s.* 0*d.*			

56 names.

[Smithford Street.

Collectors:—Ric. Wymondeswold, Joh. Maynard, Joh. Yale, Ric. Flynte. Total £7 10*s.* 6*d.*]

	£	s.	d.
Ric. Braitofte		8	0
Joh. Brystowe		8	0
Joh. Braunston		4	0
Joh. Lynne		6	8
Joh. Maynard		4	4
Joh. Fremon		5	0
Tho. Wodward		5	0
Joh. Fynche		3	0
Galf. Bowyer		3	4
Joh. Wirthynton		2	0
Tho. Carbonell		1	8
Tho. Grene		1	0
Ric. Wymenswold		2	6
Tho. Broun		3	0
[1]Will. Ive		2	6
Joh. Dey		1	8
Rad. Plumer		2	0
Tho. Cholley		1	0
Rog. Rouke		2	0
Joh. Barley		1	0
Joh. Brown		2	6
Joh. Hampton		2	6
Tho. Plymmer		1	4
Joh. Blakemon		6	0
Elias Barbour		1	0
Tho. Joy		2	0
Ric. Osbern		6	0
Will. Melody		2	6
Joh. Higreve		1	4
Joh. Wiponbury[2]		2	0
Tho. Shistocke[3]		1	0
Joh. fflynte		2	0
Ric. fflynte		4	0
Tho. Rastell		6	0
Joh. Abell		2	8
Joh. London		1	4
Joh. Coucher		2	6
Tho. Capper		1	8
Will. Couper		1	4
Katerina Sadeler		2	0
Will. Bredon		1	0
Tho. Leche		2	10
Will. Marriott		1	0
Nic. Kent		2	6
Joh. Metburn		1	0
Ric. White		2	0
Will. Pars		2	6
Joh. Yale		2	0
Joh. Wilde		2	6
Joh. Forest		2	6
Joh. Brewere		3	4
Gal. Flecher		1	0
Averey Harley		1	0
Tho. Walker, skynner		1	0
Tho. Whiteside		4	0
Joh. Flechere		1	0
Summa £7 10*s.* 6*d.*			

95 names.

[Spon Street.

Collectors:—Joh. Mershe, Will. Saunders, Joh. Harries, Joh. Sewon. Total £11 6*s.* 8*d.*]

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Waredrop			8
Tho. Shermon		1	4
Will. Horram		2	0
Joh. Grynder		6	8
Will. Saunders		6	4
Will. Tuttbury		2	8
Joh. Essex		8	0
Tho. Kyrvale		2	8
Ric. Shustoke		3	0
Tho. Heyward			8
Rob. Whitacur[4]		3	4
Tho. Coucher		1	4
Tho. Garnett		3	4
Hen. Rastell			8
Joh. Whittawer		2	8

[1] leaf 112 [2] Wappenbury, Warwick. [3] Shustoke, Warwick. [4] Whitacre, Warwick.

	£	s.	d.
Leticia Menley		4	0
Laur. Huyron		2	8
Rog. Pepur		2	8
Will. Bayley		2	8
Ric. Walford		1	8
Joh. Kyngston		2	8
Joh. Honyburn		6	4
Will. Wellys		3	4
Egid. Corbrond		5	0
Tho. Tokeby		1	8
Will. Ednam		1	4
Joh. Lotte		4	0
Joh. Conwey		1	4
Joh. Blaknale		2	0
Joh. Moole		2	0
Rob. Cokk*es*		2	4
Will. Keru*er*		8	0
Joh. Deist*er*		6	8
Joh. Wynnesdon		2	8
Joh. Glou*er*		3	4
Ric. Duffeld			8
[1]Hen. Nele		1	4
Tho. Hynkley		2	0
Joh. Deister		2	0
Reignald Neuton		1	4
Ric. White		1	0
Joh. Shaw		2	0
Hugo Laurence		1	4
Simon Busteler		2	0
Tho. Reffus			8
Hen. Fisher		1	4
Ric. Barnbroke			8
Will. Blaknale		1	4
Tho. Gilbard		4	0
Ric. Holte		2	0
Sim. Mores		1	8
Joh. Burbage		1	4
Rob. Repe*r*		2	0
Tho. Broun		2	8
Ric. Stone		3	0
Joh. Hadley		4	0
Rob. Roodes		1	4
Rob. Roope*r*			8
Will. Barnebrok		4	0
Joh. Wutton		1	0
Gal. Tigon		2	8
Rob. Fairfax		1	4
Joh. Thornton		2	0
Rob. Loote		2	0
Ric. Palmer		2	0
Wal. Bulker		2	8
Rad. Wryght		3	0
Ric. Rede		1	4
Wal. Wellys		1	0
Will. Spence*r*		3	4
Tho. Caldon		2	0
Rob. Smyth		2	0
Will. Hamond		1	0
Alanus Snape		2	0
Joh. Daw		1	0
Joh. Plasterer		2	0
Rob. Boteler		1	8
Joh. Aldreskole		1	0
Nic. Keriche		1	0
Will. Deister		1	0
Rob. Dubber			6
Will. Fisher			6
Joh. Coupe*r*		2	0
Hen. Dalby		2	8
Rog. Wales		2	8
Joh. Wamburn		2	0
Rob. Baxster		3	4
Ric. Pope		1	0
Wal. Norfolke		3	4
Ric. Barbour		1	4
Hugo Barbo*ur*		4	0
Joh. Wirley		2	0
Joh. Chadley[2]		1	0
Rob. Sturdy			6
[3]Rog. Burnes		2	8

54 names.

[Much Park Street.

Collectors :—Tho. Waren, Will. Abray, Joh. Garton, Ric. Staffordschire. Total £9 18*s.* 6*d.* (*sic*)]

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Leeder		13	4
Joh. Clarke		10	0
Tho. Bate		6	8
Ric. Dene		6	8
Sim. Birches		10	0
Tho. Warmynton		6	8
Will. Braitofte		10	0
Will. Brydd		5	0
Joh. Clifford		2	6
Ed. Hensham		1	8
Hen. Bugg		2	0
Tho. Illage		3	4
Rob. Stook*es*		2	0
Tho. Wylott		2	0
Tho. Norwyche		3	4
Tho. Waren		4	8
Joh. Ingland		4	0
Hen. Hobbes		6	8
Ric. Bromley		5	0
Joh. Derby		6	8
Ric. Staffordshir*e*		3	4
Will. Cleibroke		6	8
Will. Corbett		2	6
Joh. Forde		4	0
Ric. Burfrey		4	0
Ric. Knyghtley		3	0
Tho. Tyler		4	0
Joh. Garton		5	4
Will. Awbray		3	4
Joh. Ardern		3	4
Rob. Smith		3	4
Anna Grove		2	0
Will. Eton		2	0
Joh. Cale [? Gale]		2	6
Joh. Sowre, mylne*r*		5	0
Tho. Tough		2	0
Joh. Shergryndar		2	0
Will. Weston		2	0
Joh. Folkeshull		2	0
Joh. Ravon, pynne*r*		1	8
Joh. Crofte		2	0
[4]Castell, wryght		2	0
Joh. Haley		1	8
Joh. Makesey		1	8
Will. Solans[5]		1	8
Tho. Cooke, baker		2	0
Hen. Tailo*ur*		1	8
Agnes Onley		2	0
Will. Forbur		1	8
Joh. Mylner		1	8
[4]Tyrvyn, wev*er*		1	0
Will. Poverete			8
Will. Swyndryver		1	0
[4]Bateman		1	8
Su*m*ma £10 0*s.* 6*d.* (*sic*).			

[1] leaf 112. [2] Hadley, p. 174. [3] Sum wanting.
[4] Blank. [5] Solant, p. 179.

64 names. [[1] Bishop Street.

Collectors:—Will. Boteler, Will. Warwyke, Hugo Shawe. Total £11 6*s.* 0*d.*]

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Joh. Kebull		5	0
Ric. Bylston		1	8
Will. Horsley		5	0
Will Herdwyke		1	8
Joh. Goolde		6	8
Rob. Reve		1	8
Joh. Bylston		1	8
Joh. Symondes		1	8
Will. Withiford		5	0
Tho. Spic*er*		1	8
Ric. Cokk*es*		5	0
Ric. Chichestur*e*		3	4
Rob. Harberd		1	8
Ric. Spic*er*, grasier		5	0
Will. Ronkorne		1	8
Ric. Fylippes		3	4
Will. Rolfe		1	8
Hugo Shaw		5	0
Joh. Belper		1	8
Ric. Clerke		3	4
Tho. Waren		1	8
Joh. Couper		5	0
Rob. Weston		5	0
Wal. Tryg		1	8
Joh. Bristow, weu*er*		1	0
Joh. Lichefeld		10	0
Rog. Chapman		1	8
Ric. Tedd		1	8
Joh. Atwode		5	0
Will. Trewman		3	4
Nic. Joones		1	8
Tho. Walgr*aue*		1	8
Will. Felde		1	8
Joh. Wodcote		1	8
Joh. Appulby		5	0
Tho. Kekwike		1	8
Will. Coup*er*		5	0
Will. Warwyk		5	0
Joh. Walgr*aue*		10	0
Ric. Glou*er*		1	8
Joh. Stanfeld		1	8
Joh. Lysturley		10	0
Hen. Knott		1	8
Rob. Southam		6	8
Joh. Warde, steyno*ur*		1	4
Joh. Bruer		3	4
Hen. Benett		1	8
Gal. Strette		3	4
Ric. Pisforde		1	8
Joh. Couper		3	4
Joh. Folvill		1	8
Joh. Stafford		3	4
Will. Byddell		1	8
Will. Kemp		8	0
Rog. Tailour		5	0
Ed. Drouer		10	0
Joh. Mores		5	0
Tho. Brown		1	8
Tho. Cleybroke		5	0
Joh. White, bocher		3	0
Joh. Massey		1	8
Joh. Cleibrok		1	8
Joh. Raignold		1	8
Joh. Powle		1	8
Summa £11 6*s.* 0*d.*			

64 names. [Earl Street.

Collectors:—Tho. Swettenham, Ric. Alyn, Ric. Austen, Rob. Bradmedow.][2]

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Joh. Warrant		10	0
Ric. Sharp		13	4
Will. Swan		13	4
Joh. Mychell		13	4
Will. Donyngton		10	0
Joh. Northewode		10	0
[3]Ric. Austen		1	8
Will. Frisby		5	0
Agn. Willou3by		5	0
Rob. Bradmedow		1	4
Wal. Asheby		6	8
Will. Chawderell		2	0
Ric. Julyans		4	0
Ric. Alen		6	8
Joh. Perpoynt		3	4
Joh. Douse		2	0
Joh. George		10	0
Agn. Crudworth		4	0
Tho. Bayly		4	0
Ric. Clerk		6	8
Joh. Goodwyn		6	8
Nic. Palm*er*		5	0
Tho. Dey		3	0
Rob. Barnsley		3	4
Ric. Bartram		2	11
Tho. Bradmedow		3	0
Ric. Boyse		6	8
Tho. Swettenham		4	0
Tho. Falk*es*		4	0
Joh. Harbourgh		3	0
Hen. Clerk		2	0
Joh. Bradley		2	0
Tho. Stafford		2	0
Will. Holme		2	0
Hen. Shaw		2	0
Joh. Pynchbek		2	0
Joh. Alderews		2	0
Joh. Oldenhall		1	4
Bened. Corker		2	0
Joh. Clerk		2	0
Tho. P*ar*ker		3	0
Will. Dawe		2	0
Joh. Bentley		1	0
Tho. Hipstoones		2	0
Joh. Asheburne		2	0
Baldw. Smythe		2	0
Joh. Symon		1	0
Will. Willaston		2	0
Tho. Abell		2	0
Will. Cotoner		1	8
Ric. Rashe		1	8
Tho. P*ar*kyns		1	8
Ric. Chacombe		2	0
Rob. Heywode		2	0
Nic. Esterton		1	8
Pet. Swett		2	0
Will. Nores		1	0
Joh. Gilbard		1	8
Will. Perk*es*		1	8
Steph. Pynn*er*		2	0
Summa £11 17*s.* 4*d.*			

[1] leaf 113. [2] Sum wanting. [3] leaf 113, back.

98 names. [Cross Cheaping.

Collectors:—Joh. Northampton, Joh. Hall, Ric. Penson, Joh. Radcliff, Joh. Botte.][1]

	£	s.	d.
Tho. Goldsmyth		5	0
Ric. Drought		1	8
Rob. Mason		3	4
Joh. Dey		3	4
Ric. Wood & Rog. Constantyne		6	8
Joh. Golofre		1	8
Will. Byrynton		3	4
Joh. Walle		1	8
Joh. Doughty		10	0
Joh. Guye		3	4
Joh. Nele		3	4
Joh. Maidford		3	4
[2]Kardyffe, tyler		1	8
Ric. Lane		3	4
Ric. Goldsmythe		1	8
Will. Mason		1	8
Tho. Alen		3	4
Hen. Mason		3	4
Will. Rowlett		1	8
Joh. Colyns		5	0
[3]Joh. Nele		3	4
Joh. Corell		1	8
Tho. Paunton		3	4
Will. Donyngton		1	8
Will. Hosier		5	0
Joh. Whittofte		3	4
Joh. Savage		3	4
Will. Defford		1	8
Ric. Botoner		10	0
Reg. Bere, goldsmyth		5	0
Rob. Mason		1	8
Joh. Huett		3	4
Joh. Bett		1	8
Tho. Bredon		3	4
Ric. Charite		3	4
Nic. Grene		1	8
Tho. Warner		1	8
Ric. Drought		1	8
Joh. Barbur		3	4
Will. Warde		1	8
Will. Darsett		10	0
Will. Benett		5	0
Joh. Barbour		1	8
Will. Hewent (*sic*)		3	4
Will. Humburston		3	4
Editha Chaundeler		3	4
Tho. Wolffe		3	4
Will. Bedon		3	4
Rad. [2]seriant		1	8
[2]Dalby		1	8
Will. Atterton		3	4
Tho. Swayne		3	4
Tho. Kerdiffe		1	8
Will. Suger		1	8
Joh. Manton		1	8
Agn. Joy		3	4
Hen. Aderton		3	4
Ric. Bealson		1	8
Will. Hull		3	4
[4]Hen. Randull		3	4
Agn. Bynley		1	8
Ed. Dilcoke		3	4
Joh. Colyns		3	4
Will. Whit		1	8
Tho. White		1	8
Tho. Okeham		1	8
Tho. White		1	8
Joh. Exsale		1	8
Will. Norton		1	8
Gal. Wulpyner		3	4
Joh. Imayne		1	8
Wal. Broun		1	8
Will. Peire		10	0
Gerv. Cole		6	8
Tho. Haddon		3	4
Will. Ryngley		1	8
Hen. Baker		1	8
Rob. Fawkes		1	8
Joh. Style		3	4
Will. Huett		3	4
Hen. Banbury		3	4
Ric. Leeder		1	8
Ric. Bedon		3	4
Tho. Skott		3	4
Will. Northampton		2	1
Nic. Randull		1	8
Will. Deyster		5	0
Joh. Deister		1	8
Tho. Kirvall		1	8
Joh. Bynley		3	4
Ric. Weuer		3	4
Rob. Burn		3	4
Joh. Northampton		2	1
Joh. Hall		2	1
Ric. Penson		2	1
Will. Radclyffe		2	1
Joh. Boote		2	1
Summa £14 17*s.* 1*d.*			

Security

And for suertie of the said C li. & repayment to be had, the said maiour, Ric. Braitofte, hath prouyded; and by his labour he hath gooten a patent of our souereign lord, þe kyng, and a Taile. Of the which payment the tenour folowith as hit appearith hereaftur in the leffe folowyng. The which patent with the taile remanyth in the comen Coofur in saynt Mary Hall etc. And aftur, that is to say, in Lenton then nextt folowyng, the said patent and Taile wer delyuered to William Essex of the Exchekur to gett the next assigment that may be had.

a patent and a Tally.

Summa totalis C li. v s. ij d.

Sum total £100 5*s.* 2*d.*

[1] Sum wanting. [2] Blank. [3] leaf 114. [4] leaf 114, back.

[Money not taken.
Margery Peyntour 2*s.*; W. Shirley 1*s.* 8*d.*; Ric. Cardyffe 1*s.*

Vnde p*er*donat*ur* Marg*er*ie Peyntou*r*, ut p*atet* in Ward*a* de Much [park-strete] ij s. Item, Will. Shirley in Ward*a* de Jurd[en-well] xx d. Item Ric. Cardyffe xij d.

[Letters patent, security for the debt.

[Henry King of England etc. to all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting. Know ye that since the mayor and men of Coventry have lent us £100 in our urgent necessity, we wishing to dispose and ordain for the repayment of the said sum, by the advice and assent of our council, have granted
for us and our heirs
that the said mayor and men shall be repaid well and faithfully the said £100 from the Parva Custuma in the port of London by the collectors of the said custom at the term of payment of the same by virtue of a tally levied upon the said collectors therefor at the receipt of the Exchequer and delivered to the said mayor and men.
And in case the said mayor and men are unable to obtain payment of the said £100, then we will that whenever any subsidy, by whatever name it may be known, or sums of money

[1]Henricus (etc.) Sal*ut*em. Sciat*is* q*uo*d cum maior et ho*min*es ville de Couentr*ia* Cent*um* libr*as* in vrgent*i* necessitate no*str*a nobis g*rat*is mutuauer*int*, Nos, p*ro* resoluc*ione* su*m*me p*redicte* p*refat*is maiori & ho*minib*us fidel*iter* facienda dispone*re* & ordinare volentes, de auisamento

et assensu consilii no*str*i, concessim*us*, ordinauim*us* et assignauim*us* p*ro* nobis, he*redibus* & successorib*us* no*str*is, q*uo*d p*redict*i maior & ho*min*es, he*redes*, executor*es* & assignati sui de p*redict*is C li. de p*ar*ua custuma[2] in portu Londo*nie* p*er* manus Collect*orum* eiusdem Custume ad t*er*min*um* soluc*ion*is eiusdem

virtute talii (*sic*) sup*er* ipsos collect*ores* inde ad Recept*um* Sc*a*ccarii no*str*i leuate, & p*refat*is maiori & ho*minib*us liber*ate*, bene & fidel*iter*

resoluent*ur*. & in casu q*uo* p*redict*i maior et ho*min*es de dict*is* centum libr*is* solui nequeant, extunc volum*us* et concedim*us* p*er* p*resentes* q*uod* q*uandocunque* subsidium aliquod q*uocunque* no*mine* censeat*ur*, seu

[1] leaf 115.
[2] Parva Custuma, certain import duties paid on wool, wool-fells and leather by aliens, and on general merchandise, cloth, wax, tin and wine by aliens and natives.

shall be granted to us by the clergy or community of our kingdom the said mayor and men may have at their choice tallies and assignments for sums of money to be paid thence from other revenues and profits whatever belonging to us, arising from time to time, for all that which is lacking to them of the said sum of £100, lent to us, as aforesaid, by the said mayor and men, payment to be made by the hands of the collectors or the receivers of the same, until payment shall have been fully made of the said sum.

We will, moreover, and concede by these presents, that the treasurer of England for the time being shall have power and authority from time to time to change such assignments and tallies made in favour of the said mayor and men, but unpaid, and to alter them according to the will of the said mayor and men, and their heirs and assigns.

In testimony whereof we have caused these letters patent to be made.

Myself being witness at Westminster Aug. 24.]

pecuniar*um* sum*m*e p*er* clerum seu co*mmun*itatem Regni no*str*i Anglie nobis concedi contiger*it*, p*redict*i maior, ho*min*es, he*redes*, execut*ores*, & assign*ati* sui ad elecc*ion*em et ad libitum sua h*ab*eant & p*er*cipiant tallias et assignac*ion*es de denariorum summis inde ac aliis reuenc*ioni*b*us* et co*m*moditatib*us* nobis p*er*tinen*tibus* quobuscu*n*q*ue* (*sic*) de tempo*re* in temp*us* p*roue*[nie]n*tibus* de & p*ro* omn*i* eo q*uo*d sibi defue*r*it solut' (*sic*) de dict*a* sum*m*a Centum*librarum* [que] p*er* p*re*fatos maiorem et ho*min*es nob*is*, ut p*re*mittitur, mutuatur, p*er* manus Collect*orum* siue Receptor*um* eor*und*em q*ualiter*cu*n*q*ue* assign*andorum*, quousq*ue* eiisdem (*sic*) maiori & ho*minib*us, he*redib*us, Executori*bus* & assignat*is* suis de su*m*ma p*redict*a plenar*ie* fue*r*it p*er*solut*um*. Volum*us* insup*er* & concedim*us* p*er* p*resen*tes q*uo*d The*saurarius* Anglie p*ro* tempo*re* exi*st*ens h*ab*eat pot*est*atem & auctoritatem o*mn*es huiusmo*di* assignac*ion*es & tallias p*refatis* maiori et ho*minibus* sic factas, et no*n* solut*as* de tempo*re* in tempus mutare, easq*ue* ad libitum ipsor*um* maior*is* & ho*min*um, he*redum*, executor*um* & assign*atorum* suor*um* reformare. In cui*us* Rei testi*mon*ium has l*iter*as no*str*as fieri fecim*us* patent*es*. T*este* me ipso ap*u*d Westm[onasterium] xxiiij^to^ die Augusti a*nno* R*egni* n*ostri* vicesimo sec*und*o.

Sturgeon.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

[1]¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 23 Hen. VI.] Couentre. Oct. 3.

Will. Keru*er*, Joh. Leeder, Tho. Wildgryse, Will. Swane, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warrant, Joh. Listurley, Rob. Southam, Hen. S*ir*coke, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Prentes, Tho. Wirley, Will. Frissby, Joh. Bryan, Ed. Drover, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lynne, Ric. Dean, Joh. Bristow, Will. Braitofte, Ric. Cleke, Tho. Warmyngton, Tho. Swettnam, Will. Clerke. Jury.

[Ed. Brogreue, Ric. Boyes.] Bailiffs.

[Orders of leet.

[The gratings from the Little-park-street to Jordan-well to be taken away, except that in the Little-park, under the pain contained in the last leet.

& ordinan*t* quod omnes lez grate*s* a le Lytull-p*ar*ke-strett usq*ue* le Jurdenwell auferen*tur*, (*sic*) illo in le Lytull-p*ar*ke-strett excepto; sub pe*n*a in vlti*m*o visu ffr*anciplegii* posita, v*idelicet* vj s. viij d.

[The chamberlains to cleanse as much as is occupied in the common market; and every one to cleanse about his tenement, as far as it stretches, and no one to cast dung to the injury of his neighbours, or 12*d*. fine.[2]

& volunt quod came*r*arii mu*n*dent in co*mmuni* foro tantu*m* quan*tum* occupatur ad vsu*m* ville. Et quod quil*ibet* tenens mundat erga tene*mentum* suum, ita late ut ipse pauement se extendit, & quod nullus iactet fimu*m* ad no*cumentum* vic*inorum* suos (*sic*) sub pena xij d. tociens quotiens, per co*mmunem* sub-balli*vum* leuando*rum*.

[No one to keep pigs in any place in the city to the injury of his neighbours, or 6 s. 8 d. fine.] "Swyne"

RIC. BRAYTOFT, MAYOR, 1445. Jan. 25,

[3][Election of officers.] Electors.

Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Michell, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Esex, Joh. Warant, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Lee, Will. Braytoft, Joh. Wildegryse, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Bryan, Rob. Southam, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Walg*r*aue, Ric. Dene, Ric. Skotte, Ric. Alen, Geruas. Cole, Will. Kemp, Will. Brid, Ric. Osberne.

[1] leaf 116. [2] "dirt [in the] streets" in margin.
[3] leaf 122. Another scribe.

Officers. [m. Ric. Braytoft; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Joh. Baker, deyster, Joh. George; w. Joh. Stafford, wirdrawer, Ric. Austen; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. Ps. Ric. Braytoft, m., Will. Donyngton, rec., Ric. Sharp, M. G. S. T., Joh. Leder, Tho. Wyldegryse, Joh. Brystowe.

Key-keepers of the common seal chest. The same, except the recorder.

Key-keepers of the chest where the common measnre and other jewels are in S. Mary's Hall. Ric. Braytoft has two keys, Ric. Sharp, M. G. S. T., two, Joh. Leder one, Tho. Wildegryse one, Joh. Bristowe one.]

[1]THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL AND ARBITRATORS.

[Names of the Mayor's Council.]

19 councillors. Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Mychell, Will. Kerver, Joh. Esex, Joh. Lusterley, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyse, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Walgraue, Rob. Southam, Joh. Bryan, Ric. Alen, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Lee, Will. Braytoft, Joh. Wyldegryse, Joh. Grynder.

[These men elected by the mayor

to see where there is debate among the people for fixing gutters, posts or the like with-

in the liberty, and adjudicate therein, taking 6*d.* each for their labour from any one to whom the land is adjudged.]

Memorand*um* q*uo*d isti homines subscripti elec*ti* sunt p*er* Maiorem, videlicet p*er* Ric. Braytoft Maiorem, etc. ad videnda*m* vbi aliquod debat*um* est & discordia int*er* aliquos homines Ciuitat*is* Couentr*ie* p*ro* fixac*ione* gutturar*um*, postar*um* vel aliorum consimilium infra lib*er*tatem Ciuitat*is* Couentr*ie*, & eadem[2] tunc adiudicandum, capiendo p*ro* eorum labore quilibet vj d., videlicet de ipso cui terra adiudicata [est].

Joh. Huet, mason, Ric. Tyler, Hen. Dalby, wright, Tho. Gylous, wright.

THE FIFTEENTH.

[[3]The wards that paid the half fifteenth conceded in Ric. Braytoft's time.[4]]

Spon-strete. Will. Saundres, Joh. Mershe, Joh. Harries, Joh. Sewen. [£2. 16s. 10d.]

[1] leaf 122, back. [2] Repeated and deleted. [3] leaf 125.
[4] Parliament conceded a half fifteenth March 1445. The heading is "tem-

Smyth[*ford-street*]. Joh. Yale, Gal. Bowyer, Joh. Wylde, Ric. fflynte. [£2. 0s. 0d.]

Croschepeny. Joh. Norhampton, Ric. Penson, Joh. Halle, Will. Radclyf. [£3. 12s. 6d.]

Bysshop–strete. Ric. Spycer, Tho. Parbroun, Will. Warrewyk, Will. Horsley. [£2. 16s. 6d.]

Brodeyate. Tho. Spenser, Joh. Eborall, Ric. Esex, Joh. Malory. [£1. 3s. 4d.]

Erl-strete. Rob. Bradmedow, Tho. Bayly, Tho. ffalkes, Rob. Barnesley, Joh. Alderwes. [£2. 16s. 10d.]

Jurden-well. Joh. Shadde, Rob. Eme, Ric. Alwolde, Joh. ffrankelen. [£2. 11s. 0d.]

Bayly-lone. Joh. Syrcok, Tho. Jakeman, Ric. Goderiche, Joh. Orderiche. [£1. 15s. 0d.]

Much-park-strete. Will. Abrey, Ric. Staffordshire, Joh. Arderne, Tho. Waren. [£2. 10s. 0d.]

Gosford - strete. Will. Dawe, Tho. Stonew, Rob. Neuell, Joh. Manton. [£2. 18s. 0d.]

EASTER LEET.

[1][V. f. p. held before Ric. Braytoft, m. Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, b. on Saturday after Easter, 23 Hen. VI.] Apr. 3, 1445.

Tho. Wilgris, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Hen. Sircok, Rob. Southam, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Prentys, Tho. Wirley, Will. Frisby, Joh. Bryan, Ed. Broun, Joh. Lee, Joh. le Lynne, Ric. Bere, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Walgraue, Joh. Baker, Deister, Joh. Stafford, Wiredrawer, Ric. Austen, Gerv. Cole, Will. Clerk, mercer.

[Orders of leet.

[Any one having a dwelling who entertains bawds or keeps common women unless he turn

[2]Ord[inatum] est quod quilibet habens tenementum infra villam de Couentria & suburbia eiusdem qui tenet vel hospitat aliquas bawedes, vel sustentat vel custodit comen women, nisi eos (*sic*) amoueat & extra tenementum suum ponat tales super

pore Ric. Braytoft tunc maiore (etc.) anno xx secundo"; the "xx" being interpolated as an afterthought. It was the second year of Ric. Braytoft's mayoralty; but the 23rd year of Henry VI.

[1] leaf 125, back. Scribe of C type. [2] Scribe B.

them out upon warning shall lose 20*s.* at every default; half to the church, and half to the bailiffs.

[Gardens beyond the walls are to be done away with before Whitsuntide or 6*s.* 8*d.* fine.]

*pre*mun*icione*m ei inde fact*am* *per* aliq*uod* (*sic*) offic*iarium* m*aioris* & ball*ivorum*, p*er*dat ad quol*ibet* (*sic*) defect*um* xx s., vi*delicet* x s. ad opus eccl*es*ie, & x s. ad opus ball*ivorum*.

Item, ord[inatum est] q*uod* o*mn*ia gardina sup*ra* mur*um*, & ex*tra* eiusd*em* Ciuitat*is* vbicu*n*q*ue* sint, auferant*ur* citra festu*m* Pentecost*es* p*roxim*o, s*ub* pe*n*a vj s. viij d. p*er* Came*r*ar*ios* levand*orum* ad opus ville.

PROCESSIONS.

Processions on Corpus Christi and the watch at midsummer.

[1]Pur le Ridyng on Corpus *Christi* day and for Watche on Midsomer even.

The furst craft. ffyshers and Cokes. Baxsters and Milners. Bochers. Whittawers and Glouers. Pynners, Tylers and Wrightes. Skynners. Barkers. Coruisers. Smythes. Weuers. Wirdrawers. Cardmakers, Sadelers, Peyntours and Mason[s]. Gurdelers. Taylours, Walkers and Sherman. Deysters. Drapers. Mercers.

COST OF A CHARTER.

58 councillors meet to take counsel, Aug. 10, 1445.

[2]Memorand*um* that the Tewsday in the fest of saynt Laurance the yere of the reigne of Kyng Herry the syxst after the Conquest xxiij^ti^, In the tyme of Richard Braytoft, Meire of the Cite of Couentre, after the goode Rule & custome of the seyde Cite of long tyme hadde & vsed for goode gouernaunce ther-of, at seynt Mary halle ther werne gedered lviij p*er*sons & moe of the most wurthiest that at that tyme wern at home whose names here folowon, The wheche p*er*. . . . . .[3]

Ric. Braytoft, Will. Donyngton, · Tho. Wyldegryse 20s.[4], Joh. Leder, · Joh. Mychell 20s.[4], Joh. Bristowe, Will.

[1] leaf 122, back. Same scribe as leaf 43. See for the subject of these processions Sharp, *Coventry Mysteries*, 159–206.
[2] leaf 123. Scribe of B type.
[3] Break in MS.
[4] Sum in another hand. Roman numerals in MS. I have reproduced the dots by certain names.

Swanne, Will. Keruer, Joh. Esex, Joh. Norwode, · Joh. Lusterley 13s. 4d.[1], · Edm. Brogreve 13s. 4d.[1], · Ric. Boyse 13s. 4 d.,[1] Joh. Deyster, Joh. Clerke, Joh. Walgraue, · Ed. Drover 13s. 4d.[1], · Will. Kempe 6s. 8d.[1], Joh. Prentes, · Ric. Botoner 13s. 4d.[1], · Will. Browne 13s. 4d.[1], Joh. Doughty, · Tho. Wyrley 13s. 4d.[1], · Joh. Spenser 13s. 4d.[1], · Joh. Lynne 13s. 4d.[1], Ric. Dene, · Will. Piere 13s. 4d.[1], · Joh. Grynder 13s. 4d.[1], · Joh. George 6s. 8d.[1], · Joh. Baker 6s. 8d.[1], · Joh. Stafford, sen. 6s. 8d.[1], · Ric. Awsten 6s. 8d.[1], · Geruas. Cole 6s. 8d.[1], · Ric. Alen 6s. 8d.[1], · Will. Clerke 6s. 8d.[1], · Tho. Warmynton 6s. 8d.[1], Will. Braytoft, · Joh. Goolde 6s. 8d.[1], · Joh. Blakeman, Nic. Palmer, · Joh. Honeyburne, Joh. Freman, · Reg. Bere 6s. 8d.[1], · Ric. Attewode 6s. 8d.[1], Joh. Sircok, · Ric. Dyvette 6s. 8d.[1], · Joh. Gryme 6s. 8d.[1], · Joh. Shadde 6s. 8d.[1], · Rob. Eme 6s. 8d.[1], Tho. Stone, weuer, Ric. Fyllypes wirdr[awer], Tho. Skotte, Joh. Mershe, · Joh. Maynard 6s. 8d.[1], · Tho. Rastell 6s. 8d.[1], · Nic. Kente 6s. 8d.[1], · Joh. Hadley 6s. 8d.[1], Joh. Beauchampe.

"The inhabitans paid be charges of the Charter." £100 to be raised.

The whiche wurthymen abouen writon ordeyned that ther shuld be rerede C li., for to be payde in the forme that herafter suethe, for dyvers costes & expenses made in sueng for a Charter[2] of enlargeng the ffrawnches & liberte of this Cite of Couentre, That is to sey euery man that hathe ben meyre shall pay xx s.; and every man that hathe ben Baylyff shall pay xiij s. iiij d.; and euery mane (*sic*) that hathe ben eder chamburlen or Wardeyne, or abell, or lyke to be, shall pay vj s. viij d. And all that remaynethe & may not be leviede be this mene to be leuyede of the Trinite yelde & Corpus *Christi* yelde, and of the Wardens of this Cite. And all the money that is thus gederde & payde to be payde ageyne to euerye person lyke as he hathe payde hit when the C li. that our souereyne lorde the kyng owethe vs is payde.

Every late mayor 20*s.* and bailiff 13*s.* 4*d.*,

chamberlain 6*s.* 8*d.*,

the rest from the guilds' and wardens' accounts.

Memorandum that thes men writon on that oder parte of this lef han graunted to pay euery man after the ordenaunce aboue rehersede.

Payment to be made by the following.

[1] See note 4, previous page.

[2] Corp. MSS. B. 48. Confirmation of ancient charters with grant of fair beginning on the Friday after Corpus Christi.

29 persons. [1] · Ric. Sharp 20s.[2], · Hen. Syrcok 13s. 4d.[2], · Ric. Clerke, hosier 6s. 8d.[2], · Joh. Byram 6s. 8d.[2], · Joh. Garton 6s. 8d.[2], · Rob. Bradmedowe 6s. 8d., · Ric. Clerke, cardmaker 6s. 8d.[2], · Will. Deyster, bocher 6s. 8d,[2] · Tho. Goldsmythe, mercer 6s. 8d.[2], Joh. Brabon, Ric. Skotte, deyster, Joh. Recheford, Ric. Alwode, shermon, Derby, couryser, · Ric. Bromeley, smyth, 6s. 8d.[2], · Hugo Shade 6s. 8d.[2], Rob. Burne, bocher, · Tho. Whyte, bocher, 6s. 8d.[2], · Tho. Wodarde, hosyer 6s. 8d.[2], · Will. Warrewyke, deyster, 6s. 8d.[2], + Joh. Wytley, gurdeler, 3s. 4d. ex dono, + Joh. Bayly, gurdeler, 2s. 8d. ex dono, + Joh. Crosse, gurdeler, 3s. 4d. ex dono,[2] · Will. Dawe, taylour 6s. 8d.[2], + Rob. Nevell 3s. 4d. ex dono, + Ric. Cockes 3s. 4d. ex dono, · Ric. Whyte, baker, 6s. 8d. ex mutuo, · Hen. Stevenson 6s. 8d., · Ric. Osbern 6s. 8d.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

Michaelmas leet. Oct. 2, 1445. [3][V. f. p. on Saturday after Michaelmas, 24 H. VI.]

Tho. Wilgris, Joh. Leder, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Lusterley, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Licheffeld, Will. Broun, Joh. Prentes, Joh. Bryan, Joh. Lee, Ric. Dene, Joh. Lynne, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Walgraue, Will. Pere, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Baker, Joh. Stafford, Wiredrawer, Will. Kemp, Ric. Osburne, [4]Joh. Bristowe.

Bailiffs. [Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen.]

[All craftsmen to be governed by masters and governors of their crafts, or 100*s.* fine. And if any one cannot agree with the masters of the craft for the fines and customs, then the mayor to have the management of the matter.]

Ord[inatum] est quod omnes homines, qui aliqua arte infra istam Ciuitatem vtuntur, sint gubernati per Magistros & gubernatores eiusdem artis, sub pena C s. tociens quocies. & si aliquis pro finibus & consuetudinibus eiusdem artis cum prefatis magistris & gubernatoribus concordare non poterint, tunc Maior pro tempore habeat gubernacionem in materia illa moderanda.[5]

[1] leaf 123.

[2] Sum in another hand. Those who gave the sum outright (ex dono) have a cross by their names; the one who loaned it (ex mutuo) and the others, who (probably) promised it, a dot. [3] leaf 126. Scribe of C type. [4] Scribe B.

[5] On the ceaseless struggle between the corporation and the crafts see Introduction.

Also hit is ordeyned þat þe Bakers of þis Citie shall haue license & liberte to bake & sell aboue the market vj d. in a quarter, be-cause they shall not come & bye corne in þe market at Couentre vppon the market day, nether ffriday nor Monday, nor haue no corne brought to their houses vppon þe said market dayes. And if eny of[1] theym do þe contrarie in eny of þe premissez they shall lose at euery defalt vj s. viij d. without favour in þat partie. The bakers not to buy corn in the market on market-days.

[None to wash entrails, vessels, nor singe hogs, nor do any other filthy operation there, or 12*d.* fine.

[Any mercer who comes to Coventry to sell mercery to stand in the Drapery to sell it as [the custom is], and not to walk about in the town, or 6*s.* 8*d.* fine.]

Item ord[inatum] est quod nullus lauat poodynges, lomes[2], nec synge hogges, nec aliquod aliud vile ibidem faciat, sub pena xij d. tociens quociens.

Item, ord[inatum] est quod quilibet mercerus vel Chapman qui de cetero veniet ad villam de Couentria [ad] vendenda mercimonia, quod stet in le Draperie [ad] ea vendenda prout etc. & quod non ambulet circumquaque in villa, sub pena vj s. viij d. tociens quociens.

Also hit is ordeyned that þe Mair & Baillyfs of þis Cite & their successours in all maner pleez to be pleded afore them to hem semyng feyned, fals, forreyn, or forged, be þe which þe kynges Court afore hem shuld be put oute of Jurisdiccion, to make suche examynacion of þe partie or þe attorne as they seme best for þe knolach of the trouth, and whom they fynde defectyfe in þe premissez to commyt them to prison & to make fyne after þat þe lawe woll etc. Mayor and Bailiffs to examine parties in suits that seem to them suspicious.

Also they ordeyn that no Coke of þis Cite frohensfurth sell no derrer a goode goose but for iiij d., a pyg for vij d., a quarter of a pyg for j d. ob., the hed j d. & no derrer, vppon þe peyn to lose at euery def[alt] iiij d. "Cookes"; a goose 4*d.*, a pig 7*d.*

Also they ordeyn that euery man that taketh down eny tenement within þis Cite, and will not bild hit ageyn within a yere, yf þe tenement be worth x s. be yer to lese þerfor x li., & yf þe rent be xx s. then to lese xx li., & so forth aftur þe rate.[3] For rebuilding of houses.

[1] "of" repeated. [2] Vessels. [3] *v.* p. 199.

THE BAILIFFS' OATH.

Oath of the bailiffs.

[1] Sacra*mentum* balliu*orum* ville de Couentre.

Yee shall be gode and truwe to the kyng of Englond and his heires and to the ffraunches of Couentre, and hyt mayntene and sustenene; and all fermes and fees that the Baillyes of this cite haue vsed to pay in d[u]e dischargyng of this same franches trewly pay and doe, and trewe Jugges be in youre offices in all mat*ers* afore you moved, or duryng youre office to be moved, alsowell to the pore as to the[2] ryche wyth-out any fauo*ur* to be shewed in anywise; ne non extorc*ion* ne oppress*ion* doe to the pepull; and also[2] ret*urne* all wryttes, warantes and preceptes, that be be you to [be] executed in discharge of all this Cite duryng this next yere comyng etc.[3] & also ye shall well & truly contynue in p*ro*pre p*er*sone eu*er*y courte day, sessions of the peace and plee riales to be holden with-in the Cite of Couentre, duryng the t*er*me of youre offes, and not dep*ar*te out of the said ffraunches at no tyme duryng youre seid offes with-oute licens of the meire beyng duryng youre seid offis, so help vs (*sic*) God and halidame.

THE BARBERS' RULES.

Ordinances of the barbers, and confirmation of the same.

[These ordinances in English were formerly ordained in the time of T. Skotte and W. Bate, masters of the barbers, on the feast of the Translation of S. Edward, Oct. 13.

1421.

And now on Oct. 16, 1445, the same are confirmed by R.

[4] Ordinac*ion*es artis Barbitonsor*um*. Et confirmac*io* ear*um*.

¶ Memorand*um* q*uo*d isti articuli & ordinac*ion*es in verb*is* anglicanis subsequent*ibus* dudum ordinat*i* fuerunt in arte de Barbitansorib*us*[5] temp*o*re Tho. Skotte & Will. Bate, Magistrator*um* barbitonsor*um* Ciuitatis Couentre, die Lune in festo Trans*lationis* S. Edwardi Reg*is* a. r. r. H. quinti post conq*uest*um nono vt aparet etc. Et iam videl*icet* xvj die Octobr*is* a. r. r. H. vj[ti] xxiiij

[1] leaf 124, back. A fresh scribe. [2] deletions.
[3] "so help you God and holy dame" deleted. The whole oath is copied on a spare piece of paper, and written closely as room failed.
[4] The same scribe as the writer of the bailiffs' oath. [5] *Sic.*

Braytoft, mayor and the council of the city.]

predicte ordinaciones *per* Ric. Braytoft, maiorem Ciuitatis *predicte*, & consilium eiusdem Ciuitatis, affirmantur & allocantur.[1]

"Barbers; A company; their orders." 1st rule: Fine for non-attendance:

ffirst, hit is ordeyned that what man of the same craft that is warned in resonabull tyme be the maysters of the seide Craft or be ony oder in her name to com to ony dyner, drynkyng, or ony oder mater that is to do within the seyde Craft, and he wil-not come at his our that he is *pre*fixed or lymeted, withe-outon he haue a resonable cause of excusacion, he shall pay to the Maisters of the seide craft that tyme beeng a lb. of wax at eu*ery* defawte.

a pound of wax.

2nd rule: Fine for insubordination

Also hit is ordeyned & stabuld that what man of the same Craft is rebell ageyne the maysters or ageyne ony oder of the same Craft in the Mayster *p*resence, and the Maister bid hym be in pece or hold hym stille & he wil-not, he shall paie at eu*ery* defawt j lb. of wax.

the same.

3rd rule: Barbers, not having been apprenticed in the city, on setting up shop,

pay a fine of 20*s*. (or less) to the craft.

Also hit is ordeyned that what man of the same Craft that cometh vnto the seide Cite, & he be not prentes of the same craft with-in the seide Cite, and he sette vp a shoppe withe-in this Cite, he shall make fyne or pay to the Maysters of the seide craft xx s, or elles withe-in the sum*m*e as the maysters & he may acorde; and yif they mow not acorde then to be demede & demened[2] be the meire that tyme beeng.

4th rule:

Only late apprentices or competent workers

Also hit is ordeyned that what man of the seide Craft that is duelleng withe-in the seide Cite that settethe awerke ony man of the same Craft, but yif he haue ben prentes atte seide Craft, or elles that he can his Craft well & sufficiently, the whiche may be *pro*ued be the maysters of the seide Craft, or be lefall & lawd[ab]ul *per*sones of the same craft, that he be abull to serve truly & duly the comen pepull that is with-in the seyde Cite, what man that wurchithe ony man of the seide craft in contrarie-wyse he shall forfet at eu*ery* defawt x s. to the Towne walle, & x s. to the comen boxe of the seyde Craft.

to practise the craft or 20*s*. fine.

5th rule: 7 years apprenticeship;

Also that no man shall take no prentes to the seide Craft no lesse yeres then vij yere, apon the same peyne.

[1] "The" follows. [2] = governed.

no Sunday shaving; And that no man of the same Craft wurche ne shave apon the Sonday,[1] but yif he aske licence & leve of the Maisters of the saide Craft; and but yf he be a seke man or a weyfareng man that comethe to this Cite that hathe nede to-be shavon, apon the peyne whoso maybe foundon or 10*s.* fine. in suche defawte to pay x s. at eu*er*y defawte to the seide Maysters.

JOHN LUSTERLEY, MAYOR, 1446.

Jan. 25. [[2]Election of officers.]

Electors. Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wyldegryse, Joh. Mychell, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Esex, Joh. Warant, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Joh. Wyldegryse, Joh. Clerk, Ric. Boyse, Joh. Lee, Ric. Dene, Will. ffrysby, Will. Piere, Geru. Cole, Will. Kempe, Ric. Clerke, Ric. Osberne, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Spenser.

Officers. [m. Joh. Lusterley; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Reg. Bere, Joh. ffreman; w. Joh. Stafford, Joh. Catur; mace, Will. Oxton.]

[Ric. Braytoft (outgoing mayor) to be present during the next year in processions, and in worshipful conferences to go and be next to the mayor so as to aid and counsel him.]

Et Insup*er* ordinaverunt & p*rou*id*erunt quod* Ric. Braytoft, qui iam exstat maior, p*er* totu*m* p*roximum* annu*m* sequ*entem* erit p*re*sens in p*ro*cessionib*us* & dignis congregac*ioni*b*us* [et] eat & sit p*roximus* maiori etc. ad essend*um* sibi in auxiliu*m* et consiliu*m* etc.

J. Ps. Joh. Lusterley, m., Will. Donyngton, rec., Ric. Sharp, M. G. S. T., Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Bristowe.

Custodians of keys of the common chest. [The same except the recorder.

Custodians of the chest where standard measures and jewels[3] kept. [The same as the custodians of the keys.]

EASTER LEET.

Couentre. Apr. 20, 1446. ¶ [4][V. f. p. held before Joh. Lusterley m., Will. Braytoft and Ric. Alen b., on Wednesday after Easter, 24 H. VI.]

[1] Cal. Pat. R. 1391–96, p. 720. [2] leaf 129. Scribe of type p. 102.
[3] "le strike & al*ia* Jocal*ia*." [4] leaf 130, Scribe of C type.

Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wilgris. Joh. Warant, Will. Kerver, Joh. Grynder, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Clerk, Joh. Deister, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Spencer, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Doughty, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lynne, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Dene, Will. Pere, Ed. Brogreve, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Stafford, weuer, Rag. Bere, Joh. ffreman. 24 Jurors.

[Orders of leet.

[Every one having lands or tenements lying by the river from Crow-mill to Gosford-gate, to cleanse it opposite his tenement before Whitsuntide, or 20*s.* fine levied by the mayor for this cleaning. And the mayor to see to it that where the river has been encroached on by any one, that it shall be put right.

[Whoever lives between the Bear and Smithford-brook to pay 4*d.* towards clearing the river or provide a labourer to do it before the festival.

[1]Ord[inatum] est quod quilibet, qui habet terras vel tenementa adiacentia communi Riuilo in Co[uentria] a Crowemyll vsque Gosford-3ate, mundat (*sic*) riuilum predictum erga tenementum suum citra festum Pentecostes, sub pena xx s. per maiorem leuandorum ad mundacionem Riuili predicti disponendorum. Et quod maior etc. prouideat vbi riuilus predictus per aliquem artatus sit, quod per ipsum emendetur citra dictum festum etc.

& quod quilibet commorans a signo vocato le Bere vsque Smythford-broke soluat ad mundacionem Riuili predicti iiij d. vel inueniat vnum laborantem per diem ad id faciendum citra dictum festum.

[Latrinæ on the Red-ditch to be removed before Whitsuntide or 20*s.* fine.] The Red-ditch.

At this [lete] the armytage at Gosford-grene was graunted vnto on John Thorpe of Couentre, Tayllour, at his peticion, vppon þat condicion þat he shuld sufficiently kepe the reparacion perof. "Armitage at Gosford greene."

FRIAR JOHN BREDON'S SENTENCE.

[2]Hit is to haue in mynde that the last day of Aprill the yere of Kyng Herry the vj after the conquest xxiiij at Couentre in a place called seynt Marie halle apered xlviij persones of the moste wurthiest that tyme beeng Ap. 30, 1446.[3]

[1] Scribe B. [2] leaf 129, back. [3] (?) *v.* p. 228.

with-in this Cite be the comaundement of John Lusterley then meyre & his counsell after the good rule & custome withe-in the seyde Cite of long tyme vsed & had to comen & to trete for the profet & wele of the seyde Cite. And in speciall for declaracion of a centens yevon for the priour & Couent of the Cathedrall churche of our Lady of Couentre ayeynest John Bredon,[1] ffrere mynor of Couentre, in the Court of my lordes of Caunturbury etc. The names of whiche xlviij here-after folowon. Joh. Lusterley, m., Will. Donyngton, rec., Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wyldegryse, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Michell, Will. Keruer, Will. Swanne, Joh. Warant, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen, Will. ffrysby, Will. Broun, Tho. Wyrley, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Doughty, Joh. Walgraue, Joh. Lichefeld, Joh. Spenser, Tho. Swetenham, Will. Clerke, Joh. Byrame, Joh. Baker, deister, Ric. Skotte, deister, Joh. Brabon, Tho. Stone, weuer, Joh. Stafford, sen., Joh. Catur, Joh. Shadde, Joh. Lee, Ric. Dene, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Lynne, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Deyster, Joh. ffremon, Reg. Bere, Will. Betley, Geru. Cole, Tho. Skot, Will. Warrewik, Joh. Goolde, Joh. Appulby, Will. Radclyff, Ric. Penson, Tho. Goldsmyth, Tho. White.

Mayor's 50 councillors.

"xxj persons to be the mayors Councell."

The whiche xlviij[2] personas a-fore-writon then & there ordeyned & prouyded for ease of hem, That the meyre shuld calle xij personas or moe after his discression for communicacion & avyse to be had in any mater, & what the seyde xij personas ordeyned, the fornamed xlviij to conferme & alowe etc. Wherapon the Seturday the ij day of Aprill[3] anno Hen. vj^ti^ xxiiij then next sueng at seynt Mary halle abowe-seyde apered xxj personas warned after the Custome & ordenaunce aboue-seyde: Whereof the names her-after folown:

The provisions of 12 or more councillors to be ratified by the 48.

Apr. 2,

Ric. Sharp, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Donyngton, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Swanne, Will. Keruer, Joh. Warant, Joh. Grynder, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen, Joh. Northewode, Will. Betley, Joh.

[1] *v. ante*, p. 97. Friar John complained that the funeral candles became the property of the prior and convent, instead of falling to those that ministered to their parishioners.

[2] Exclusive of the mayor and recorder. [3] ? date; *v.* p. 227.

Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyse, Sim. Birches, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Wildegryse, Will. Browne.

21 councillors

The whiche xxi persones & the meire aforseyde of oon assent & advise prouyded & ordeyned procutores for all the comminalte of the Cite of Couentre ayeynst the priour & Couent aforseyd, That is to sey Will. Betley, Will. Saundres, Joh. Walgraue, Sim. Birches, Tho. Goldsmyth, Ric. Wode & Tho.[1]

appoint procurators in the Bredon affair.

And on Apr. 6

[2]And then on the Wednesday next foloweng in presence of thes persones, that the names sewn in writeng, a procresy for the meire & the comminalte aforseyde, in the mater aforenamed at seynt Mari-halle vnder the comen seale & the meires Seale was sealede etc.

the following 22 in all act as "proxy" in the matter.

Joh. Lusterley, meire, Mayster Tho. Chesterfeld,[3] Joh. Menley, vicarius,[4] Ric. Sharp, Tho. Wildegryse, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Kerver, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen, Will. Betley, Hen. Sircok, Will. Broun, Joh. Lee, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreue, Ric. Boyse, Magister Joh. Twys, official etc.[5], Joh. Stafford, sen., Sim. Burches, Joh. Crokez.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

Coventre. Oct. 1, 1446.

¶ [6]V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 25 Hen. VI.]

Jurors.

Joh. Warant, Tho. Wilgris, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Essex, Will. Kerver, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Clerk, Tho. Wirley, Will. ffrysby, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lyne, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Botoner, Hen. Sircok, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Tho. Swetenham, Ric. Clerk, hosier, Joh. Catur, Reg.[7] Bere.

Bailiffs.

[Gerv. Cole and Will. Kemp.]

[Order of leet.

[The Priory floodgates to be drawn up and opened when-

[8]Volunt & ordinant quod lez fflodzates in le Priory deinceps omni tempore necessario & oportuno sint

[1] Blank. [2] leaf 130. [3] Vicar of S. Michael's.
[4] Vicar of Trinity.
[5] One who exercises the jurisdiction of a bishop or archdeacon. The reason of the presence of so many ecclesiastics in the "proxy" is because the matter in dispute was an ecclesiastical one. After reading a recantation containing a fulsome apology to the prior and convent, Friar Bredon, sharing the fate of most reformers, was banished the city.
[6] leaf 130, back. Scribe of C type. [7] MS. Ragnaldus. [8] Scribe B.

ever necessary, lest any harm or evil happen to the inhabitants, as from this cause has happened many times before, or 100*s.* fine from whomsoever is in default.]

tempestiue tracte & aperte, ne in defect*u* eiusd*em* eueniat aliquod dampnu*m* *vel* malu*m* Ciuitatibu*s* (*sic*) & inhab*itantibus* istiu*s* ville, sicut m*ultociens* p*er*antea ea de causa eueniebat etc. s*ub* pena C s. leuando*rum* de ip*so* qui *est* defectiv*us* inde etc.

THOMAS WIRLEY, MAYOR, 1447.

Jan. 25. [[1] Election of officers.]

24 electors. Joh. Esex, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wyldegryse, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Michell, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Waraunt, Ric. Boyse, Will. Braytoft, Joh. Wildegrise, Joh. Clerke, Will. ffrisby, Ric. Dene, Joh. Lee, Joh. Spenser, Ric. Alen, Ric. Clerke, Ric. Austen, Joh. Baker, Joh. Jeorge, Joh. Byram, Joh. Goolde.

Officers. [m. Tho. Wirley; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Rob. Bradmedowe and Will. Warrewyke; w. Joh. Stafford and Joh. Catur; mace, Will. Oxton.]

J. Ps. The mayor, recorder, Joh. Esex, M. G. S. T., Joh. Leder, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Bristowe.

Custodians of the common chest. Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Tho. Wyldegryse, Joh. Bristowe.

Custodians of the common chest where the common measure[3] is. Ric. Braytoft.[2]

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

Couentre. Apr. 15, 1447. [[4] V. f. p. held before Tho. Wirley m., Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 25 Hen. VI.]

Jurors. Joh. Essex, Joh. Leder, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant, Will. Kerver, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Clerk, Hen. Sircok, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lynne, Joh. Walgraue, Will. Pere, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Ric. Deane, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Catur, Joh. Baker, deist*er*, Rob. Bradmedawe, Tho. Swetnam.

[1] leaf 131. [2] Rest blank. [3] modium *commune*.
[4] Scribe B. leaf 131, back.

[Orders of leet.

[Householders to cleanse the Red-ditch and the gutter running from the Peacock to the West Orchard opposite to their houses, twice a year.

Volunt & ordinant quod quil*ibet* qui h*abet* terras seu tenem*enta* adiacentes fossat*is* in Co*uentre* voc*atis* le Reddych, & sim*iliter* le Gutter, qui ven*it* de le Pecok vsq*ue* le West-orchard, mundant[1] (*sic*) ffossat*a* illa erga tenem*entum* suum p*rop*rium bis p*er* annum & in anno [or 6*s*. 8*d*. fine, half to the mayor and half to the bailiffs.]

[The Priory floodgates to be emptied and an assize taken, and so of the other floodgates by the river; and all the embankment as far as the Sills be emptied as is just.

[The Corpus Christi riding to be observed.]

Item, volunt (etc.) quod le fflodeȝates in le P*r*iory sint vacuate & assisate & omnes al*ie* fflodeyates p*er* Riuil*um* infra lib*er*tatem etc. & totum le Bullwark[2] vsq*ue* le Silles[3] sit vacuat*um*, p*rout* iust*um* est, [or 100*s*. fine.]

Et quod le Ruydyng in festo Corp*or*is *Christi* fiat p*rout* ex antiquo t*empor*e consueuit etc.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 26 Hen. VI.] Couentre. Sept. 30, 1447.

Joh. Leder, Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Sharp, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warant, Will. Swan, Joh. Lusterley, Joh. Bristowe, Joh. Grynder, Hen. Sircok, Will. ffrisby, Joh. Lee, Joh. Lynne, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Dene, Joh. Walgraue, Will. Pere, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Catur, Ric. Austen. Jurors.

[Ric. Clerk, draper, Ric. Scotte, deister.] Bailiffs.

[Orders of leet.

[The ordinance concerning chandlers of Joh. Braytoft's time is confirmed and to be put into execution; i. e. no one is to sell 1 lb. of candles at any other price than 1*d*. a pound.]

Et ordinant ac confirmant ordinac*ionem* t*empor*e Joh*ann*is Braytoft,[4] M*aior*is, nuper fact*am* de lez Chaundelers de vendic*ione* candel*arum* etc. & omn*in*o ponat*ur* iam in execuc*ion*em, vid*elicet*, quod null*us* eor*um* vendat vn*am* libr*am* Candel*arum* nisi t*antum* p*ro* j d. [or pay the fine previously ordained, 20*s*., *i. e.* 6*s*. 8*d*. to the mayor and 13*s*. 4*d*. to the bailiffs.[5]]

[1] A stroke of "m" missing. [2] An embankment.
[3] Sill, a beam or rafter; the bottom part of fixed bench, pen or other wooden erection (*E. E. D.*). [4] Mayor 1425, 1442. [5] *v.* p. 234.

Butchers.

Item, it is ordeyned þat no Bochour, inhabitant within þis Cite, frohensffurth scalde no maner of bestis within þis Cite, but only in the scaldyng-house in þe Palmers-lane, þerto ordeyned [or 6*s.* 8*d.* fine.]

Brewers. "No bruer nor maltster to fetch water at Conduits."

And also þat no bruer frohensfurth fet watir fro þe Cundite to brue or stepe with, vppon þe same peyn.

"Tilers-semy-tile."

Also hit is ordeyned that no tyler frohensfurth ley no seny [? semy] tyle ne crased[1] tyle, nor that þe seid tylers set no man in warke onlesse he can his Craft, [or 6*s.* 8*d.* fine each time].

JOHN WALGRAVE, MAYOR, 1448.

Jan. 25.

[[2]Election of officers.]

23 electors.

[3]Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Esex, Joh. Lusterley, Ric. Boyse, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Will. ffrisby, Gerv. Cole, Ric. Dene, Will. Piere, Will. Kempe, Ric. Botoner, Will. Braytoft, Joh. Wyldegrise, Joh. Goolde, Reg. Bere, Will. Clerke, Ric. Austen, Joh. Boteler.

Officers.

[m. Joh. Walgraue; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Ric. Wode, Joh. Byram; w. Joh. Garton, Ric. Dyvet; mace, Will. Oxton.]

J. Ps.

Joh. Walgraue, m., Will. Donyngton, rec., Ric. Braytoft, M. G. S. T., Joh. Leder, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Bristowe.

Custodians of keys.

[The same, except the recorder.

Custodians of keys of chest where the common measure is.

[The mayor, Ric. Braytoft, M. G. S. T., Ric. Boyse, M. G. C. C., the chamberlains and the wardens.]

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEET.

Couentre. Mar. 30, 1448.

[[4]V. f. p. held before Joh. Walgraue m., Ric. Clerk and Ric. Austen, b., on Saturday after Easter, 26 Hen. VI.]

Jurors.

Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Sharp, Joh. Leder, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warant, Will. Swan, Tho. Wyrley, Ric. Boys, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Clerk, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Baker, Deister, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Joh. Garton, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Catur, Will. Warewyk, Ric. Divet, Will. Clerk.

[1] Crased = broken, cracked.
[2] leaf 133.
[3] Scribe of type p. 102.
[4] leaf 133, back.

[No one to do damage in pastures, closes, or other places in cutting branches, under the penalty of 12*s.* And that no one break the pavement to place branches on it on St. John's and St. Peter's eves, but every one to have coal and large fuel on the same penalty.

Volunt (etc.) q*uod* nullus deinceps fac*iat* dampnu*m* in pastur*is*, claus*is*, seu aliis locis in scindendo ramos v*el* samples,[1] s*ub* pena cui*uslibet* delinquent*is* xij s. Et q*uod* nullus decete*ro* frangat pauimentu*m* ad ponend*um* in eo ramos in vigili*is* Natiuitat*is* S. Joh*annis* Bapt*iste* & S. Petri ;[2] *sed* h*ab*eat quil*ibet* carbones & grossu*m* ffocale s*ub* ead*em* pena.

[The poulterers to stand and sell victuals before the Priory door about the Bull Ring as far as the end of the Little Butchery.]

Item volunt & ordinant q*uod* lez pulters deinceps stent & vend*ant* victual*ia* sua ante portu*m* (*sic*) Priorat*us* circa le Bulryng vsq*ue* fine*m* de le Litel-bochery.

Couentre. Michaelmas leet. Sept. 30, 1448.

[3]¶ [V. f. p. held on Monday after Michaelmas, 27 H. VI.]

Jurors.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Ric. Sharp, Will. Swan, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Warant, Ric. Boys, Ric. Botone*r*, Joh. Grynder, Joh Lynne, Ric. Alen, Joh. Lee, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Dene, Will. Pere, Will. Braytoft, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Wildegrys, Joh. Cole, Ric. Wode, Joh. Garton.

Bailiffs.

[Joh. Stafford, Joh. ffreman]

[Orders of leet.

[Any one who withstands the mayor and bailiffs in the performance of anything appertaining to their office to have a week's imprisonment, and at the second offence a fortnight's.]

[4]Ord*inatum est* q*uod* quil*ibet* qui deinceps contradic*it* v*el* obstat Maiori & Ball*ivis* hui*us* Ciuitat*is* in execuc*ione* alic*uius* rei p*er*tinent*is* offic*iis* suis etc. h*ab*eat imprisonament*um* vni*us* septim*ane* absq*ue* aliqua p*er*donac*ione*, & ad s*ecundu*m defect*um* h*ab*eat imp*risonamentum* xv^{e} [=quindene.]

Much-park-street.

[Much-park-street to be repaired (emendetur) before Christmas, or 100*s.* fine from every one failing, and the work to begin next Monday.]

[1] Young trees left in woods for timber. *E. E. D.* s. v. samplars.
[2] On the bonfires on Midsummer night *v.* Sharp, *Coventry Mysteries*, 175–206. [3] leaf 134. Scribe of C type.
[4] Scribe B. Probably new guilds were being formed in defiance of the corporation: *v.* Introduction.

[As soon as Will. Donnyngton withdraws from his occupation or dies, then immediately T. Litelton[1] shall have the office in the same manner and form as other recorders have had and enjoyed it, taking the accustomed fees, so that he remain within the city.]

Item, ord*inant* (etc.) quod quam cito Will. Donyngton, nunc Recordator hui*us* Ciuitat*is*, de occupacio*ne* officii sui se dimiserit seu decesser*it*, quod tunc imme*diate* Tho. Litelton[1] hab*eat* & gaudeat offic*i*um pred*ictum* eisd*em* mod*o* & forma quib*us* ceteri Recordat*ores* ante hec tempora hab*uerunt*[2] & gauisi fuer*unt*, capiendo inde feoda consueta. Ita quod maneat infra Ciuitat*em* etc.

The gutters. [The ordinance as ordained aforetime about sweeping the gutters ("lez Canell") in the streets to be put into execution; 12*d.* for every default.]

[The sergeant of the brewers-gild and the crier to wait upon the mayor on pain of losing their offices.]

Item, ord*inatum est* quod le seri-aunt de Breuster*s* ylde[3] & le Cryer sint intendentes super Maiorem sub pena dimittendi offic*ia* sua.

Chaundlers. [The tallow-chandlers to sell candles at 1*d.* a pound or 6*s.* 8*d.* fine.[4]]

[All inn-keepers to have a lamp hanging before their doors until 9 o'clock at night, or 6*s.* 8*d.* fine.]

Item, omnes hostilarii habeant lucernam pendendo (*sic*) ad hostium suum, vsque ix horam in nocte, sub pena vjs. viijd.

The fullers' and tailors' crafts separated. Item, at þis lete be auctorite of þe same þe walkers were seuered fro þe Crafte of Taillours at þe desir of þe seid walkers, as appereth be their peticion filed in þe seid lete etc. & also be agrement of þe Taillours as ther appereth etc.[5]

The bridge. Item, hit is ordenyed at þe same lete for they feying & clensyng of þe birge[6] in þe West-orchard that euery hall durre shuld paye jd., and þeruppon Will. Pier graunted to kepe þe Birge & þe reparacion þerof.

The gutter. [The gutter running from the Peacock to the West-orchard to be cleansed every quarter of a year or 40*d.* fine from every one failing.]

[1] *v.* p. 235.
[2] MS. hēuerūt.
[3] See below MS. leaf 304.
[4] Fine 6*s.* 8*d.* here, not 20*s.* *v.* p. 231.
[5] See Introduction.
[6] bridge.

EDMUND BROGREVE, MAYOR, 1449.

[Election of officers.] Jan. 25.

[1]Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Will. Keruer, Joh. Esex, Will. Swanne, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wyrley, Ric. Boyse, Will. Braytoft, Will. Piere, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Wylgryse, Joh. Lee, Ric. Dene, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kempe, Ric. Austen, Joh. Goolde, Joh. Baker, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Cater, Rob. Bradmedowe, Will. Warrewik, Will. Clerke. Electors.

[m. Edm. Brogreue; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Ric. Charite, Tho. White; w. Joh. Garton, Ric. Dyvette; mace, Will. Oxton. Officers.

[Ed. Brogreue, m., Will. Donyngton, rec.,—and at the Easter view of frankpledge last past Tho. Litelton[2] was chosen recorder and a justice of the peace in the name (nomine) of the same Will. Donyngton—Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Will. Swan, and Joh. Walgraue. J. Ps.

[The same except the recorder. Custodians of the keys of the common seal chest:

[The mayor, Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Boyse, the wardens and (probably) the chamberlains.[3]] and of the standard measure[4] chest.[5]

EASTER LEET.

[6][V. f. p. before Ed. Brogreve, m., Joh. Stafford and Joh. Freman, b., on Saturday after Easter, 27 Hen. VI.] Couentre. Apr. 19.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Joh. Brystowe, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Boys, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Dene, Joh. Grynder, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Alen, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Ric. Austen, Ric. Charite, Joh. Golde, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Bryan, Rob. Bredmedowe, Joh. Garton.

[Orders of leet.

[The leet ordain that the Volunt et concedunt per auctoritatem huius visus quod Will. Donyngton, Recordator huius Ciuitatis,

[1] leaf 135. Scribe of type p. 102.

[2] Tho. Littleton (1402–81) of famous memory. Author of the legal work on "Tenures."

[3] The chamberlains not mentioned, but after a blank the words "habent alium" occur, and after another blank the word "Camere."

[4] modum de standardo. [5] siste. [6] leaf 135, back.

recorder have yearly for term of his life £10 payable quarterly, viz. 10 marks (£6. 13*s.* 4*d.*) from the bailiffs, £1. 13*s.* 4*d.* from the Trinity gild, 16*s.* 8*d.* from the Corpus Christi gild and the wardens respectively, and that W. Donyngton shall henceforward be of counsel to the city as he was before ex-officio.]

habeat & percipiat annuatim ad terminum vite sue de eadem Ciuitate x li. legalis monete ad iiij^{or} anni terminos soluendas: videlicet decem marcas de Ballivis (etc.), & xxxiij s. iiij d. de Magistro G. S. T., xvj s. viij d. de Magistro G. C. C. & xvj s. viij d. de Gardianis etc. Et quod predictus Will. Donyngton deinceps sit de concilio eiusdem Ciuitatis sicut ante hec tempora fuit ex officio Recordatoris.

THE KING'S LOAN.

[[1]The underwritten lent the king £100 in Ed. Brogreve's time; the money paid by the wards.]

60 names.

[Smithford-street.[2]]

	£	s.	d.
De[3] Ric. Braytoft	10	0	
De[3] Joh. Bristowe	8	0	
Joh. Lynne	6	8	
Joh. ffremon	6	8	
Joh. Maynard	5	0	
Tho. Wodard	4	0	
Joh. ffynche	2	6	
Ric. Knede, baker	2	0	
Gal. Bower	2	0	
Joh. Malory	2	6	
Joh. Crulle	3	4	
Joh. Lorde	1	4	
Will. Jones	1	0	
Ric. Wymondeswold	1	6	
Tho. Broun	2	0	
Will. Ive, smyth	1	8	
Joh. Dey	1	4	
Rob. Halyday	1	0	
Rad. Plymmer	2	0	
Tom. Cholley	1	0	
Rog. Rouke, hosteler	2	0	
Ric. Clerke	1	0	
Joh. Hampton	2	6	
Tho. Plymmer	1	0	
Margareta Blakeman	3	8	
Elias Barbur	1	0	
Tho. Joy, tailour	2	0	
Ric. Osbarne	6	0	
Will. Melodye	2	6	
Joh. Hygreve, lokier	1	4	
[3]Gal. Cappar	1	0	
[4]Joh. Gote	1	4	
Rob. Balle	1	0	
Joh. fflynt	2	6	
Tho. Drake	1	4	
Ric. fflynt	5	0	
Tho. Rastell	6	0	
Joh. Abell	2	6	
Tho. Wyndull	1	0	
Joh. London	1	4	
Joh. Wyponbury	1	8	
Ric. Coucher	2	6	
Joh. Marfood	1	0	
Katerina Sadler	2	0	
Tho. Strete	1	0	
Tho. Leche	2	6	
Will. Mariot	1	0	
Ric. White	2	0	
Nic. Kent	2	6	
Joh. Halle	3	4	
Joh. Wirthyngton	1	4	
Joh. Braunston	1	0	
Joh. Yale	2	6	
Joh. Wilde	2	6	
Joh. Spenser	1	0	
Joh. Forest	2	6	
Joh. Bruer	3	4	
Tho. Colclow	1	6	
Joh. fflecher	1	4	
Will. Alyson	2	6	
Summa £7. 10*s.* 6*d.*			

63 names.

[Broadgate.[5]]

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Illage	3	0	
Ric. Prese	1	0	
Hen. Barker	1	8	
Thurstanus Lye	1	8	
Joh. Houe	3	4	
Will. Spenser	2	0	
Will. Bedford	1	4	
Tho. Spenser	1	4	
Ed. Brogreue	6	8	

[1] leaf 136.

[2] Collectors:—Tho. Broun, Gal. Bower, Joh. Wirthyngton, Will. Ive, Smyth. £7. 10*s.* 6*d.*

[3–3] "De" is repeated before all the names on this leaf. [4] leaf 136, back.

[5] Collectors: Joh. Mirifeld, Hugo Manton, Rob. Wodeward, Joh. Oldenhale.

[Broadgate.]

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Radley		2	0
Tho. Bristowe		3	4
Joh. Eborall		2	0
Rog. Stanley		1	0
Will. Dyngley		1	0
Joh. Cappe, coteler		3	4
Joh. Thronton		1	8
Joh. Dagette			8
Avericius Bower		I	4
Tho. Goldsmyth		1	0
Will. Taylour, cooke		1	0
Rob. Perseele		1	0
Joh. Dalton		2	0
Joh. Sothurnewode			8
Alicia Brikstoke		2	0
Ric. Esex		2	0
Will. Bache, [? Bathe] tauern*er*		1	0
Joh. Nele, taylour		2	0
Joh. Opton, barbour		1	0
Hen. Hende		1	0
Tho. Squyer		2	0
Will. Draper		1	0
Will. Chaterton		1	0
Gal. Coteler		1	0
Hen. Roger, Glouer		1	0
Will. Bentley			8
Rog. Milnar, taylor			8
Joh. Locoke			8
Joh. Rewe		1	0
Joh. Ricongay		1	0
vx*or* Will. Abram		1	0
Tho. Napton		2	0
Ric. Dawbeney			8
Hen. Sircok		6	0
Tho. Lokynton			8
[1]Joh. Smyth, pynn*er*		1	0
Will. Canley			8
Joh. Ruyton, drap*er*		2	0
Alic. Newbold		1	0
Joh. Hulle, ser*iaunt*		1	0
Joh. Clement			8
Joh. Symson		1	0
Joh. Lokkey		1	8
Joh. Sherde			8
Ric. Huyton			8
Will. Baryngton		1	0
Tho. Lyones			8
Joh. Crosse		1	8
Joh. Andrewe		2	0
Joh. Hare, mason			8
Tho. Warde			8
Nic. Glasier		1	0
Ric. Patrike, cori*our*		1	0
Tho. Byrton			8
Summa £4. 13*s.* 0*d.*			

61 names.

[Bayly-lane.[2]]

	£	s.	d.
Tho. Wirley		6	8
Tho. Joyner		1	0
Joh. Hampton, ply*mm*er		1	8
Joh*a*nna Spenser, vidua		3	4
Ric. Lyng, pewterer		1	4
Will.[3] , glouer		2	8
Hugo Shireff		3	4
Ric. Parbroun		3	4
Will. Goldsmyth		1	0
Ric. Goldsmyth		1	4
Rob. Burnell, peut*er*er		3	4
Joh. Beauchamp		4	0
Tho. ffawcus		1	4
Joh. Alderwas		3	4
Joh. Bradley		1	0
Ric. Takeby		3	4
Ric. Halyday		1	4
Hugo Purser		1	0
Ric. Hampton		3	4
Joh. Hulle		1	0
Ric. Deyst*er*		1	0
Rob. Skille		3	4
Joh. Power		1	4
Joh. Straunge		3	4
Will. Clerke		4	0
Joh. Gryme		4	0
Joh. Clyff		1	0
Rob. Glouceter		4	0
Tho. Hobbes		3	4
Joh. Ordrige		3	4
Joh. Bayle		3	4
Joh. Crosse		3	0
Joh. Hogges		1	4
Tho. Sweteglade		1	8
Will. Dubbar, capper		1	0
Hen. Wright		1	8
Joh. Barton		2	0
Joh. Byrome		4	0
Rob. Lythe		1	4
Tho. Gryme		1	8
Hen. Watford		3	4
Will. Swift, pynn*er*		2	0
Rog. Costantync		3	4
Joh. Syrcok		2	8
Ric. Dyvet		4	0
Joh. Whitehede		1	4
Nic. Russell		1	0
Tho. Burley		3	4
Joh. Butler		1	0
Tho. Jakemon		4	0
[4]Will. Westley		1	8
Will. Mason		3	4
Rob. Coriour			8
Will. Cardyff		1	0
Will. Crowe		1	0
Joh. Bayly		1	0
[3]Burdews, purser		1	0
Joh. Castell		1	0
Ric. Taverner		1	0
Joh. Bolter		1	0
Joh. Smyth		1	0
Summa £6. 18*s.* 0*d.*			

[1] leaf 137.

[2] Collectors:—Joh. Byrame, Will. Clerk, Rob. Glouceter, Will. Mason, coruys*er*.

[3] Blank.

[4] leaf 137, back.

69 names.

[Jorden-well.[1]]

	£	s.	d.
Ric. Alwolde		6	8
Will. fflouter		1	0
Rob. Eme		6	8
Tho. Elderbek		3	4
Joh. Haukyns		1	8
Will. Crompe		6	8
Tho. Towker		1	0
Will. Betley		10	0
Joh. Catur		10	0
Ric. Barbur		2	0
Joh. Whalley		12	0
Ric. Rage		1	0
Ric. Couper		1	8
Eliz. Brian		2	0
Tho. Michell		2	0
Tho. Austen		2	0
Joh. Elderbek		1	0
Margare Androwe		1	0
Joh. Peche		6	8
Hen. Staffordshire		2	0
Joh. Swettenham		3	4
Joh. ffranklen		6	8
Joh. Shadde		6	0
Ric. Recheford		3	6
Joh. Smyth		3	4
Christiana Prentes		2	0
Joh. Recheford		8	0
Tho. Hoten		1	0
Joh. Lee		13	4
Joh. Pynchard		6	8
Joh. Strete		1	8
Will. Douebrigge		1	8
Joh. Oldbury		1	8
Will. Potter		4	0
Joh. Maydeford		4	0
Joh. Wake		1	0
Nic. Ourton		1	8
Tho. ffrogette		1	0
Joh. Egull		2	6
Joh. ffolkeshull		1	8
Ric. Wygons		1	0
Joh. Swyft		1	0
Joh. Boure		1	0
Will. Castelton		3	4
Rad. Capper		1	8
Rog. Boteler		1	8
Joh. Hosier		3	4
Rad. Plym*m*er		5	0
Will. Shurley		1	0
Joh. Jacome		1	0
Tho. Sweteng		1	0
Tho. Dykons		1	8
Wlll. Fletcher		3	0
Rob. Bocher		1	0
[2]Tho. Milner		2	0
Hen. Tredsyn[3]		1	0
Will. Bolton		1	8
Ric. ffrynes		2	0
Tho. Elcok		1	0
Tho. Smyth		1	0
Ric. Clerke		4	5
Rob. Stretton		2	0
Ric. Patage		1	0
Margareta Tate		2	0
Joh. Hall		1	0
Hugo Pollard		1	8
Jacobus Barber			6
Hen. Dalton			8
Joh. Yonge			6
*Sum*ma £10. 4*s.* 1*d.*			

95 names.

[Much-park-street.[4]]

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Leder		6	8
Will. Braytoft		10	0
Tho. Warmynton		6	8
Sim. Burches		10	0
Ric. Dene		5	0
Ranulph. Barbur		1	0
Rob. Gidlowe		1	3
Rob. Wykesley		1	0
Ric. Gurdeler			6
Joh. Savage		1	0
Joh. Bruer, boch*er*		1	8
Will. Bridde		2	0
Joh. Clyfford		3	4
Hen. Bugge		1	8
Hen. Thysilton		1	0
Tho. Parker		3	4
Ad. Wale		1	0
Nic. Dilcok		1	8
Rob. Stokkes		1	4
Ric. Glouer, taylour			8
Joh. Cokke, sadeler		1	0
Joh. Hayly		1	8
Tho. Norwhiche		3	4
Ric. Knightley			6
Jacobus Horne		1	0
Tho. Waren		4	8
Tho. Willot			8
Joh. Inglond		5	0
Joh. Coucher		1	0
Joh. Barbur		1	0
Hen. Hobbes		6	8
Tho. Tyler		4	0
Ric. Bromley		5	0
Joh. Lokier		1	0
Joh. Weston			8
Joh. Derby		6	8
Ric. Staffordshire		3	4
Will. Madame			6
Joh. Onley		1	0
Will. Wright			8
Bernard. Clokmaker			8
Will. Corbette		2	6
Ric. Geene		3	4
Ric. Burfrey		1	8
Joh. Joynour		1	0
Joh. Garton		6	8
Tho. Ingre			6
Joh. Sharp			8
Will. Jowderell		2	0
Tho. Hagette			8
Domina,[5] barbur[6]		2	0
Joh. Ardurn		4	0
Tho. Westron		2	0
Will. Awbrey		5	0
[7]Joh. Skinner			8
Hen. Taylour		1	8
Rob. Garrette		3	4
Tho. Chapell		1	8
Tho. Paunton		2	8
Joh. Gale		2	0
Tho. Tough		2	0
Joh. Croft		3	4
Joh. Ravon		1	8
Tho. Garnet		1	0
[5]Tynker		1	0

[1] Collectors :—Joh. Cater, Ric. Clerke, cardmaker, Ric. Recheford, Joh. Egull.
[2] leaf 138. [3] or Tredfyn.
[4] Collectors : Ric. Bromley, Tho. Tyler, Joh. Ardurn, Will. Corbette.
[5] Blank. [6] A woman barber. [7] leaf 138, back.

[Much-park-street.]

	£	s.	d.
[1]Sampson		3	4
Will. Peverell		1	0
Joh. Brasier		1	0
Rog. Carter		1	0
Joh. ffolkeshull		1	0
Tho. Brayne		2	0
Joh. Carreke		2	0
Nic. Milner		1	0
Tho. Bateman		1	0
Hen. Wodeward			8
Will. Turvyle		1	8
Will. Claybroke		3	4
Joh. [2]Compton		1	0
[1]Tournour			8
Hen. Skylle			8
Joh. Shurley		2	0
Tho. Cooke		1	0
Will. Solond			8
Tho. Abram			8
Ric. Barker		1	0
Joh. Elmes		1	8
Tho. Jones			8
Joh. Emmottes		2	0
Joh. ffildeng			8
Will. Hynton			8
[2]Cooke de Charterhouse			6
Tho. Mayke, smyth			6
Rob. Donam			8
Joh. Walker			8
Will. Stone, mason			8
Summa £10. 0*s.* 6*d.*			

85 names.

[Spon-street.[3]]

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Wardroper, taylour		1	8
Tho. Doue, hosier		2	0
Will. Orme, deister		3	4
Joh. Gryndar		6	8
Will. Saundres		6	0
Will. Tuttebury		4	0
Joh. Esex		8	0
Joh. Mershe		2	8
Joh. ffoster, coruyser			8
Ric. Barnebroke		1	4
Rob. Whitaker		2	8
Tho. Ryngley		5	0
Gerard. Crumpe, deister		1	8
Joh. Wyllyams		3	4
Joh. Holme		1	0
Liticia Menley		6	8
Laur. Huyron		3	4
Rob. ffalke		3	4
Tho. Colmere		1	4
Will. Bayly		3	4
Joh. Garnet		1	4
Joh. Honyburn		3	6
Ric. Went		1	8
Egid. Corbronde		6	0
Tho. Tokeby		1	8
Will. Pynchebeke		5	0
[4]Will. White		5	0
Joh. Conwey		2	0
Joh. Clyfton		2	0
Tho. Grene		2	8
Will. Keruer		8	0
Joh. Deyster		6	8
Joh. Wynsden		4	0
Joh. Lote		4	0
Will. Walker		3	4
Joh. Broun, pardoner		1	8
Hugh Larons		1	4
Joh. Shawe		1	8
Sim. Busteler		1	8
Tho. Skylton		2	0
Rob. Turnour, roper[5]		1	0
Will. Blakenale		1	10
Tho. Gilbard			[1]
Ric. Holte		1	8
Rob. Bulkley		1	8
Will. Sponne, barker		1	8
Will. Bayly		5	0
Rob. Roper		1	4
Tho. Broun, weuer		2	4
Tho. Shustoke		1	4
Will. Stone, barker		1	8
Joh. Hadley		2	0
Nic. Bayly		1	8
Rob. Rodes		1	4
Will. Barnbroke		3	4
Will. ffraunses		1	0
[1]Jones, walker		1	4
Ric. Palmer		1	8
Joh. Godfrey		1	4
Tho. Barbur		2	0
Rob. fforte		1	8
Rad. Wright		4	0
Hugo Parre		2	0
Rob. Smyth, walker		2	0
Tho. Gybons, wright		1	8
Rob. Toppe		1	8
Joh. Davy		2	0
Hen. Dalby		3	4
Will. Deyster		1	0
[1]ffouler, grasier		3	4
Joh. Taylour		2	0
Joh. Couper		2	0
Rog. Wales		2	4
Joh. Wamburn		2	0
Nic. Lee, weuer		1	0
Wal. Norfolk		4	0
Ric. Barbur		2	0
Will. Shipston		2	0
Tho. Couche		2	8
Tho. Onyon		1	0
Hugo Forde, barbur		4	0
Joh. Wadley, clerk		2	0
Tho. Manston		1	8
Will. Capper		2	0
Rog. Burnes		4	0
Summa £11. 6*s.* 8*d.*			

[1] Blank. [2] Interlined Will.
[3] Collectors: Joh. Honyburn, Will. Spenser, Wal. Norfolk, Tho. Gilbard.
[4] leaf 139. [5] or reper. (?) deleted.

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[Gosford-street.[1]]

	£	s.	d.
Will. Clerk, taylour	1	0	
Hen. Warmyngton	2	0	
Joh. Wyldy	5	0	
Baldw. Metley	3	0	
Joh. Hasteng	2	0	
Joh. Kebull	1	6	
Deonysia Halle	1	6	
Joh. Messyngham	1	0	
Joh. Baker, deister	8	0	
Will. Bocher, deyster	3	0	
[2]Will. Harres	3	0	
Johanna Skotte	6	0	
Greg. Butler	1	0	
Will. Lambard	1	0	
Joh. Rouke	1	0	
Joh. Langton	3	0	
Ad. Gawge	5	0	
Tho. Cockes	5	0	
Will. fflaxhale	2	0	
Mat. Curtes	2	0	
Ric. Cockes	5	0	
Alic. Cooke, vidua	6	8	
*Christ*iana Golofur	5	0	
Ric. ffoston	2	0	
Joh. Laurans, mylner	1	0	
Joh. Grene, weuer	2	0	
Will. Hadcokke	3	0	
Ric. Molle, weuer	1	0	
Joh. Lancaster	2	0	
Rob. Blyburgh[3]	3	0	
Joh. Sheldon, jun.	3	0	
Will. Dawe, taylour	6	0	
Agn. Onley	2	0	
Joh. Elage	1	0	
Alicia Brabon	3	0	
Joh. Chambur	1	0	
Will. Baxster	2	0	
Tho. Stevons	1	0	
Tho. Smythe	1	0	
Tho. Barbur	1	0	
Joh. Stafford sen.	10	0	
Will. Broun, barbur	1	0	
Will. Smythe, wolleman	4	0	
Will. Jones, weuer	4	0	
Ric. Bocher	4	0	
Tho. Bower	5	0	
Joh. Tyrsitheon	1	0	
Ric. Polton, hosier	2	0	
Tho. Colette	5	0	
Joh. Bere, walker	1	0	
Joh. Stafford, jun.	3	0	
Rob. Newell	5	0	
Tho. Mountford	1	0	
Will. Haddon	3	0	
Joh. Wildegrise	5	0	
Will. Gylbard	5	0	
Phelippus Draper	3	0	
Isabella Wildegrise	6	8	
Will. Knyght, weuer	3	0	
Tho. Stretton	2	0	
Tho. Mason	5	0	
Tho. Stone	5	0	
Joh. Draughton	1	0	
Rob. Wode	1	0	
Rog. Taylour	1	0	
Ric. Somer	5	0	
Joh. Manton	5	0	
Rad. ffolkeshull	1	0	
Joh. Travas	1	8	
Eustac. Golofur	5	0	
Joh. Eston, deyster	3	0	
Will. Smyth, deister	3	0	
Joh. Sore	1	0	
Ad. Ismay	1	0	
[4]Horsley, glouer	1	0	
Sim. Baker, deister	5	0	
Johanna Evesham	4	0	
Joh. Archer	1	0	
Summa £11. 12*s.* 0*d.*			

119 names.

[Cross-cheaping.[5]]

	£	s.	d.
Hen. Adurton, mercer	4	0	
Rob. Mason	3	4	
Ric. Drought	1	8	
Joh. Dey, mercer	3	4	
Ric. Wode	6	8	
[6]Joh. Charite	1	8	
Will. Byryngton	3	4	
Joh. Walle	3	0	
Joh. Boteler	3	4	
Emma Doughty	5	0	
Will. Marshall, coruyser	1	8	
Joh. Hewer	1	0	
Guido Wyston	4	0	
Tho. Maydeford	3	4	
Ric. Charite	5	0	
Ric. Cardyf	1	8	
Ric. Lane	2	0	
Will. Radclyf	3	0	
Tho. Wolff	3	4	
Will. Bedon	3	4	
Joh. Sponne	1	0	
Nic. Taylour, wir-drawer	3	4	
Will. Dyvette	3	4	
Joh. Newman	1	0	
Joh. fferby	1	0	
[7]Dalby	4	0	
Tho. Swayne	3	4	
Tho. Cardyf	1	8	
Will. Suker	1	8	
Rich. fflecher	1	0	
Joh. Manton	2	0	
Ric. Bocher, wir-drawer	3	4	
Hen. Addurton, hosier	3	4	
Joh. Turner	1	0	
Rob. Barbur	1	0	
Auicia Humber-ston	2	0	
Joh. ffareman	2	0	
Joh. Bette	3	4	
Will. Hende, coruyser	1	0	
Nic. Rundull	3	0	
Ric. Drought, sen., coruyser	3	4	
Tho. Warner, coruyser	1	8	
Hen. Meryngton, barbur	1	8	
Reg. Bere	5	0	

[1] Collectors: Joh. Wyldegryse, Eust. Golofur, Tho. Cockes, Joh. Stafford, jun.
[2] leaf 139, back. [3] Blythborough, Suffolk. [4] Blank.
[5] Collectors: Gui. Wyston, Will. Deister, bocher, Will. Haddon, Tho. Bredon. [6] leaf 140.
[7] Christian name illeg. ? Edwardus.

[Cross-Cheaping.]

	£	s.	d.
Tho. Okeham		2	0
Ric. Botoner		6	8
Joh. Savage		3	4
Will. Sporiour		2	0
Joh. Whittofte		3	4
Joh. Batter		1	8
Will. Donynton, hosier		1	8
Tho. Paunton		3	4
Will. Rawlot		1	8
Joh. Nele, coruyser		3	0
Joh. Colyns		3	4
Joh. Golofur		1	8
Hen. Mason		2	0
Tho. Alene		3	4
Will. Mason, coruyser		1	8
Tho. Whitside		2	0
Joh. Botte, coruyser		2	0
Ric. Bedon		3	4
Will. Edwarde, weuer		1	8
Tho. Clerke, coriour		2	0
Hen. Banbury		3	4
Will. Wright		1	0
Tho. Skotte		3	4
Hen. Baxster		1	8
Will. Swayne		1	8
Will. Peer		6	8
Gerv. Cole		6	8
Tho. Ronton		2	0
Phelipp. Large		2	0
Joh. Smythe		2	0
Will. Horsley		3	0
Joh. Stille		3	4
Joh. Hoton		1	8
Will. Cobbes		3	4
Tho. Cawdrey		1	8
Tho. Irysshe, weuer		1	8
Tho. Hynkley, mylner		1	8
Joh. Couper		1	0
Will. Huet, coruyser		3	4
Joh. Nicols		1	4
Joh. Newman, bocher		2	0
Joh. Deyster, bocher		3	4
Joh. Bynley, bocher		3	4
Tho. Whyte, bocher		5	0
[1]Will. Northampton		2	0
Joh. Halle		1	8
Ric. Weuer		1	8
Rog. Lillynton		1	8
Rob. Burn		3	4
Joh. Northampton		3	4
Hen. Rondull		3	4
Will. Benet		3	4
Joh. Colyns		6	4
Agn. Westbury		1	0
Agn. Bynley		1	8
Tho. Nicols		1	0
Ric. Russheton			10
Dav. Mores, bocher		1	0
Wal. Bocher		2	0
Joh. Imayne		2	0
Galf. Wolpynner		3	4
Will. Norton		1	8
Tho. Parker, bocher		3	4
Joh. Exsale		1	8
Nic. Swalynton		1	0
Tho. White		1	8
Will. White		1	8
Tho. Fawkes		3	0
Will. Boteler		1	0
Joh. Welbek		3	4
Will. Hulle, dubber		3	4
Ric. Penson			8
Will. Deyster			9
Tho. Haddon			7
Tho. Bredon			7
Summa £14. 17*s.* 1*d.*			

87 names.

[Bishop-street.[2]]

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Kebull		5	0
Ric. Bylston		1	0
Will. Horsley		2	0
[3]Will. Hardwike		1	8
Joh. Goolde		6	8
Rob. Reve		3	0
Joh. Bylston		1	8
Joh. Symondes		2	0
Alan. Snape		1	8
Joh. Bruer		5	0
Tho. Hulle, baker		1	0
Tho. Spyser			8
Joh. Brasier		1	0
Tho. Walker, coruyser		1	0
Joh. Trewman		1	8
Will. Warrewyk		6	8
Joh. Walgraue		10	0
Ric. Glouer, weuer		1	0
Tho. Kelmestowe, deister		1	0
Joh. Stansfeld		1	8
Will. Wright		1	0
Hen. Knotte		1	8
Rad. Bykenhull		1	4
Agn. Ly[n]colne		1	0
Joh. Reynold, weuer		2	0
Rob. Huet		1	0
Ph. Caytewayte		1	0
Joh. Arowe, weuer		1	8
Laur. Barton, ffisher		1	0
Tho. Parbron		1	5
Will. Thomas, weuer		1	8
Will. Baxster, bocher		3	4
Tho. Barbur		3	4
Ric. Cokkes		5	0
Elizabeth Chychestur		1	8
Rob. Harbard		2	0
Ric. Spyser		5	0
Johanna ffyllippes		1	4
Nic. Jones		1	8
Ric. Couper, peynter		1	8
Joh. Thorp		5	0
Margareta Evesham		1	0
Joh. Powes		1	8
Matillda Profete		1	0
Will. Rolff		1	8
Ric. Clerke		1	5
Joh. Goodeknaue		5	0
Rob. Weston		5	0
Tho. Jabette		1	0

[1] leaf 140, back.
[2] Collectors: Joh. Appulby, Will. Horsley, Ric. Clerke, Tho. Parbron.
[3] leaf 141.

[Bishop-street.]

	£	s.	d.
Ric. Botell		3	4
Joh. Lychefeld		10	0
Joh. Robertz		3	4
Joh. Parkyns, weuer		1	4
Ric. Cawdrey, keruer		2	0
Will. Couper		5	0
Tho. Kekewyke		1	8
Joh. Apulby		2	0
Joh. Wodecote		1	8
Tho. Walgraue		1	8
Joh. Smyth		1	8
Will. Bambour		1	8
Joh. Attewode		5	0
Rog. Chapmon		2	0
Tho. Broun, grasier		1	8
Joh. White		3	4
Will. Benefeld, fissher		1	8
Will. Russheton		1	2
Joh. Cleybroke			8
Sim. Lawe			8
Tho. Cleybroke		5	0
Tho. Broun, weuer		2	0
Joh. Mores, grasier		5	0
Ed. Drouer		10	0
Rog. Taylour		5	0
Will. Kempe		8	8
Rob. Crofton		1	8
Joh. Stafford, mylner		2	0
Joh. Reynold, barker		3	4
Joh. ffolvile		1	8
Joh. Couper		3	4
Ric. Pysforde		1	8
Ad. Hulle		1	0
Joh. Pysford		3	4
Will. Bydell		1	0
[1]Ric. Myles		1	0
Rob. Betriche		1	0
Will. Bowman			8
Summa £11. 6*s.* 0*d.*			

80 names.

[Earl-street.[2]]

	£	s.	d.
Tho. Clerke		1	0
Joh. Heyne		2	0
Ric. Osteriche		3	0
Ric. Awsten		6	8
Rob. Bradmedowe		6	0
Ric. Clerke, poticary		2	0
Wal. Assheby		3	0
Joh. Gawge		3	0
Tho. Dey		3	0
Tho. Bayly		3	0
Wal. Ludlowe		1	0
Will. Glover		1	0
Will. Vale		6	8
Joh. Davy, ffysher		4	0
Joh. a Lee, cardmaker		1	0
Tho. Ipstones		2	0
Will. Dawe, passonger		3	0
Will. Coton, cardmaker		2	0
Rad. Calbek		2	0
Joh. Assheburn		3	0
Joh. Gylbard		1	8
Joh. Chaunter		2	0
Ric. Spake		3	0
Joh. Warant		10	0
Joh. Michell		13	4
Will. Corby		1	0
Joh. Davy		2	0
vxor nuper Will. ffrisby		3	0
Joh. Smythe		2	0
Ric. Sharp		13	4
Agnes Crudworthe		3	0
Joh. Parkyns, shermon		1	0
Joh. Bentley		3	0
Will. Swane		13	4
Joh. Shemyng		2	0
Ric. Alen		6	8
Tho. Tate		1	0
Joh. Perpoynt		3	0
Ric. Peche, skynner		2	0
Joh. Anedam, shermon		1	0
Jac. Grene			7
Will. fforde		1	0
[3]Legburn, taylour		1	0
Tho. Ethorp[4]		1	0
Will. Chaundeler		1	0
Joh. Baker, Taylour		1	0
Hen. Shawe		1	0
Rob. Adurton		3	4
Joh. Wyrley		1	0
Ric. Pratte		1	0
Joh. Pynchebek		3	0
Will. Arnold		1	0
Ric. Clerk, draper		6	8
Joh. Bradley, weuer		1	0
Joh. Copsey		1	0
Hen. Clerk		2	0
Nic. Palmer		4	0
Joh. Baynton		1	0
Ric. Boyse		6	8
Ric. Jacombe		3	0
Will. Parkes		1	0
Will. Ive		1	0
Tho. Bradmedowe		3	0
Wili. Donyngton		6	8
Joh. Crosse		1	0
[5]Tho. Suettenham		6	8
Tho. ffaremon		2	0
Rob. Barnesley		2	0
Will. Holme		3	0
Joh. Northewode		10	0
Ric. Bartram		3	0
Rog. Mason, glouer		2	0
Ric. Clerke, skynner		1	0
Joh. Preston		1	0
Tho. Abell		1	0
Tho. Morgon		1	0
Will. Huyron		1	0
Joh. Palmer, hosier		1	0
Joh. Aderton		1	0
Rob. Styf, pynner		1	0
Summa £11. 17*s.* 3*d.*			
Summa totalis £100. 0*s.* 0*d.*			

[1] leaf 141, back.
[2] Collectors: Tho. Bayly, Tho. Bradmedowe, Ric. Spake, Joh. Gauge.
[3] Blank. [4] Eathorp, Warwick. [5] leaf 142.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

[1][V. f. p. held on Tuesday after Michaelmas, 28 Hen. VI.] Sept. 30.

Jury. Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Joh. Brystowe, Joh. Warant, Will. Kerver, Will. Swan, Joh. Essex, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Walg*raue*, Ric. Boys, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Lee, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Dene, Will. Pere, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Ric. Austen, Ric. Boton*er*, Rob. Bradmedowe, Will. Warrewik, Will. Clerk, Joh. Wilgrys, Joh. Cole.

Bailiffs. [Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Wode.]

[Orders of leet.

Item, volunt & ordinant q*uod* qui-li*bet* Textor infra Ciuitate*m* ista*m* legitim*e* recip*ere* potest filu*m* laneu*m* in keynes si volu*erit*, capiendo inde p*ro* le wyndyng, aliqua ordinac*ione* int*er* lez textores in contrariu*m* facta non obstante, s*ub* pena xx s. ad opus ball*ivorum* leuando*rum*.

Any weaver can receive woollen thread in skeins (*l*) if he wish, taking for the winding notwithstanding any weavers' ordinance to the contrary, or 20*s*. to the bailiffs.]

"Woll." Also they woll þ*at* no man*er* p*er*sone within þis Cite delyu*er* to eny man*er* Spynn*er* within the same of woll to spyn but ij li. & a q*uart*e*rn* for a weight [or 6*d*. fine to the bailiffs' use.]

Weight of spinners' wool.

THE FIFTEENTH.

Nov. 11, 1449. [[2]Collectors of the half-fifteenth collected and paid in this mayor's time at Martinmas. For sums *v*. p. 218–9.]

Gosford-stre*te*.

Baldw. Metley, Joh. Langton, Tho. Straunge, Will. Knyght, weu*er*.

Jurden-well.

Rob. Eme, Joh. Peche, Joh. Crampe, Hugo Polard.

Much-p*ark*-strete.

Will. Aubrey, Tho. Paunton, Ric. Staffordshire, Tho. Waron.

Erl-stre*te*.

Tho. Dey, Ric. Spake, Will. Holme, Joh. Bentley.

[1] leaf 148, back. [2] leaf 142, back.

Bayli-lane.

Joh. Gryme, Tho. Burley, Rob. Gloucetur, Rob. Skille.

Brode-yate.

Joh. Hony, Joh. Eborall, Tho. Gardener, Tho. Spenser.

Smythford-strete.

Joh. Maynard, Nic. Kente, Ric. fflynte, Rog. Rouke.

Spon-strete.

Joh. Mershe, Hugo Barbur, Rob. ffalke, Will. White, Joh. Harres.

Crosse-chepeng.

Will. Byrynton, Hen. Aderton, groc*er*, Hen. Banbury, Hen. Aderton, drap*er*.

Bysshop-str*ete*.

Ric. Spyser, Joh. Wode, Rog. Oswestre, Will. Baxst*er*, boch*er*.

PROVISION OF ARMOUR.

Jan. 15, 1450. "Provision by the inhabitants of Armor and weapons."

[1]Hit is to haue in mynde that thes Wurthy menne & also Comeners here vndur-writon Ordeyned[2] that for the welfare & also for the p*r*eseruacion of the pece withe-in the Cite of Couentre,[3] & also to strengethe the kynges lawes, haue ordeynede (*sic*) That eu*er*y manne that hathe ben meyre Withe-in the Cite of Couentre shall haue redy & dayly withe-in his place that he duellethe in iiij jakkes[4] or iiij haburions,[5] iiij salettes,[6] iiij sheff arowes & iiij bowes & also oder wepons to the same stuff longeng:

Ordained that late mayors,

bailiffs,

And eu*er*y bayly that hathe ben withe-in the same Cite shall haue iij jakkes, or iij haburions, iij salettes, iij Bowes, iij sheff arowes & oder wepons to the same stuff longeng: and also eu*er*y manne[7] that hathe ben warden or Chamburlen withe-in the seyde [8]Cite[8] shall haue ij jakkes or ij haburions, [8]ii salettes,[8] ij Bowes, ij shef arowes

other officers,

[1] leaf 143. [2] MS. ordeyneyned.
[3] "forto be hadde" deleted.
[4] A sleeveless coat, usually quilted leather.
[5] Sleeveless coats of mail.
[6] Headpieces having fixed projections behind.
[7] "Chamburlen & euery warden" deleted. [8—8] repeated.

& oder wepons to the seyde stuff longeng; and eu*er*y oder Comener of the seyde Cite, that may bere the coste, shall haue a jakke or an haburion, a salette, a bowe & sheffe of arowes & also oder wepon to the seyde stuff longeng: Eu*er*y manne that hathe ben meyre apon the peyne to lose iiij li.: eu*er*y manne that hathe ben bayly to lose iij li.[1]: & eu*er*y manne that hathe bene Chamburlen & warden to lose xl s.: and eu*er*y oder comener to lose xx s.: and that eu*er*y manne make his stuff redy be-twene this day, that is to sey, the Thursday next after the feste of sent Hillary the xxviij yere of Kyng Herry the syxte & the fest of Ester thenne next foloweng, euery manne apon the payne as hit is aboue rehersede.

and commoners,

under certain penalties

shall provide armour for the city's defence.

Also hit is ordeynede be the seyde parsons that eu*er*y manne whanne he hathe ordeynede hym his stuffe, as hit is aboue rehersede, That he selle, lene, alen, ne do awey non of the seyde stuff, ne wepons out of this Cite, ne no p*ar*cell of hem, but that they kepe hem withe-in this Cite, ne that no manne of this Cite were non of this seide stuff ne wepons withe-in this Cite but when he is comaundude be the meyre that shal-be for the tyme, or elles when the co*m*en belle is rongen, or in p*re*seruacion of the pece & kepeng the kynges lawes, or for the goode rule of this Cite, or elles for some oder resonabull cause, the kynges lawes ne his pece therbie hurte ne empeyrede.

No one to lend or alienate his weapons,

or wear them unless occasion demands.

Also that no taylour of this Cite make no jakke but hit be abull & of goode stuffe to kepe the mannes body that shall were hite, apon the peyne that who dothe the Contrary to lose xl s. at eu*er*y defaute.

Tailors to make good "jacks."

Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Leder, Ric. Sharp, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Walg*r*aue, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Boyse, Tho. Warmynton, Ric. Wode, Hen. Sircoke, Ric. Dene, Will. Piere, Geru. Cole, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Northewode, Will. Betley, Joh. ffremon, Will. Kempe, Ric. Clerke, Ric. Austen, Ric. Alen, Sim. Birches, Ric. Charite, Tho. Whighte, Joh. Goolde, Joh. Baker, deist*er*, Reg. Bere, Will. Clerke, Rob. Bradmedowe, Will. Warrewyke, Joh. Garton, Ric. Dyvette, Joh. Byrome, Will. Saundres, [2]Joh.

78 names of those who assembled.

[1] "& euery manne that hathe bene Chamburlen, Bayly & warden to lose iij li." deleted. [2] leaf 143, back.

Hadley, Gui. Wyston, Joh. Boteler, Hen. Aderton, mercer, Tho. Haddon, Hen. Aderton, hosier, Ric. Penson, Will. Cobbes, Tho. Skotte, Joh. Draper, Ric. Spake, Rob. Eme, Tho. Bradmedowe, Rob. Nevell, Will. Aubrey, Will. Vale, Joh. Davy, draper, Dav. Edmunde, Joh. ffrankelen, Ric. Cokkes, baker, Joh. ffynche, Joh. Maynarde, Rob. Mason, Joh. Mersche, Joh. Pynchebeke, Will. Pynchebekke, Tho. Parbron, Wal. Norfolke, Hug. Barbur, Joh. Appalby, Will. Horsley, Moric. Bocher, Tho. Gylbarde, Rob. Gloucestre, Joh. Gryme, Rog. Oswestre, Tho. Bower, Joh. Perpoynte, Tho. Wolff, Joh. Kebull, Will. Mason, Tho. Grene, Tho. Cockes, weuer.

Crafts give names.

Wherapon the Craftes of the Cite of Couentre be comaundement of Edmonde Brogreue, then meyre, acordeng to the ordenaunse afore rehersede, han brought in to the seide meyre the names of euery parsone that is abull to make hym stuff & to aray hym after the seide ordenaunce. That is to sey:

38 "Mercers," 60 jacks. 4 jacks, mayors, 3 jacks, bailiffs,

The craft of mersers.

Ric. Braytoft iiij Jakkes etc.
Joh. Mychell iiij Jakkes etc.
Will. Braytoft iij Jakkes etc.
Ric. Wode iij Jakkes etc.
Ric. Dene iij Jakkes etc.
Joh. ffremon iij Jakkes etc.[1]
[2]Ric. Austen iij Jakkes etc.
Reg. Bere iij Jakkes etc.

2 jacks, chamberlains and wardens,

Joh. Byrome, ij Jakkes etc.
Ric. Charite ij Jakkes etc.
Joh. Garton ij Jakkes etc.
Will. Clerk ij Jakkes etc.

1 jack, commoners.

Joh. Shadde j Jakke etc.
Hen. Aderton j Jakke etc.
Ric. Penson j Jake etc.
Ric. Dyvette ij Jakkes etc.
Will. Gylbard j Jakke etc.
Joh. Dey j Jakke etc.
Rog. Costantyne j Jakke etc.
Tho. Towh j Jakke etc.
Ric. Clerke j Jakke etc.
Joh. Clyffe j Jakke etc.
Joh. Dagette j Jakke etc.
Tho. Paunton j Jakke etc.
Joh. Charite j Jakke etc.
Tho. Manston j Jakke etc.
Will. White j Jakke etc.
Tho. Tate j Jakke etc.
Rad. Caldebek j Jakke etc.
Baldw. Smyth j Jakke etc.
Tho. Allesley j Jakke etc.
Rob. Leche j Jakke etc.
Will. Potter j Jakke etc.
Hugo Pollar j Jakke etc.
Tho. Hobbes j Jakke etc.
Tho. Hobbes j Jakke etc.
Joh. Suettenham j Jakke etc.
Tho. Illage j Jakke etc.

59 "Drapers," 93 jacks.

Drapers.

[Tho. Lytelton, Recorder, blank; Ed. Brogreue, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Leder, Joh. Bristowe, Ric. Sharp, Will. Swanne four each; Ric. Boyse, Tho. Warmynton, Ric. Alen, Ric. Clerke, Hen. Sircokke, Joh. Wildegryse three;

[1] xx. *i. e.* 20 jacks stands at the foot of the page. [2] leaf 144.

Joh. Goolde, Joh. Catur, Rob. Bradmedowe, Tho. Swettenham, two; Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Smyth, draper, Joh. Gawge, Ric. Jacombe, Joh. Draper, Joh. Pynchebek, Tho. Parker, Tho. Dey, Joh. Myrifelde, Ric. Spake, Joh. Copesey, Jac. Grene, Will. Chauderell, Ric. Pultun, Joh. Adirton, Rob. Adurton, Ric. Mildenale, Joh. Warmynton, Joh. Davy, Humf. Swanne, Joh. Wyponbury, Joh. Preston, Joh. Palmer, Will. Ive, Joh. Couper, Tho. Grene,[1] [2] Tho. Ipstones, Tho. Swquyer, Tho. Kyrke, Joh. Wirley, Tho. Bristowe, Tho. Wodard, Ric. Pratte, Rob. Barnesley, Hen. Halows, Will. Corby, Tho. Wolff, Ph. Draper, Tho. Burley, Will of the Vale "j Jacke etc, & j Jacke outer," Tho. Colette, Will. Donynton, one each.]

Deysters.

[Joh. Esex four; Will. Piere, Gerv. Cole, three; Joh. Baker, Will. Warrewyke, Will. Saundres, Tho. Rastell two; Tho. Haddon, Eust. Golofur, Joh. Eston, Will. Smythe, Rob. ffalke, Will. Tuttebury, Rog. Burnes, Tho. [3], Tho. Ryngeley, Will. Bayly, Joh. Garnet, Tho. Colmer, Geruard Crampe, Will. Horsley, Joh. Smythe, Ph. Large, Ric. Spyser, Joh. Hoten, Will. Cobbes, Tho. Cawdrey, Tho. Swayne, Will. Swayne, Tho. Kelmstowe, Ad. Hulle, Will. Bochar, Will. Harries, Joh. Massyngham, Tho. fforget, Hen. Knotte, Will. Oxton, one each.]

37 dyers, 48 jacks.

Gurdelers.

[Will. Clerke, Ric. Dyvette two; Joh. Crosse, Hen. Watford, Joh. Wylde, Joh. Barton, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Syrcok, Nic. Russell, Joh. Power, Joh. Whitehede, Tho. Hobbes, Joh. Bayly, Joh. Orderiche, Tho. Sweteglade,[4] [5] Joh. Gylbard, Hen. Wright, Ric. Oderiche, Will. Crowe, Tho. Gryme, Joh. Castell, Joh. Sircok jun., one each.]

22 "Girdlers," 24 jacks.

Weuers.

[Joh. Grynder three; Ric. Osbarne two; Joh. Lote, Tho. Broun, Ric. ffreynes, Tho. Stone, Joh. Maydeford,

57 weavers, 60 jacks.

[1] clviij. *i. e.* 158 jacks. Really the number is 117 on this page.
[2] leaf 144, back.
[3] Blank. [4] $\overset{xx}{\text{iiij}}$. *i. e.* 80 jacks. Really 82. [5] leaf 145.

Tho. Broun, Ric. Molle, Joh. Egull, Ric. Cockes, Tho. Dykons, Ric. Clerke, Will. Jones, Tho. Maydeford, Joh. Wamburn, Ric. Glouer, Joh. Arowe, Tho. Irysshe, Joh. Bradley, Rog. Chapmon, Joh. Reynolde, Joh. Strete, Will. Knyght, Ric. Waterfall, Joh. Purs, Tho. Lyons, Will. Thom*as*, Will. Brvyngton, Rob. Harbard, Sampson Lyuerey, Nic. Bee, Ric. Couche, Hugo Harper, Will. Blakenale, Rob. Bulkeley, Tho. Shustoke, Tho. Stryngar, Joh. Thorpe, Will. Ronkorne, Tho. Spyser, Rob. Agar, Tho. Okeham, Ric. Smale, Joh. Draughton, Ric. Wode, Tho. Cockes, Ric. Somer. Joh. Rothewell, Will. Huyron, Will. Arnolde, Tho. Garnet, Joh. Wakefelde, Rob. Balle, Ric. Coucher, Will. Edward, Laur. Huyron one each.]

Taylours & Shermen.

64 "Taylors Shermen." [Joh. Bentley, Rog. Thornton, Dav. Edmu*n*de, Will. Dawe, Will. Abrey,[1] [2]Ric. Alde, Rob. Oswestre, Joh. Perpoynt, Tho. Bayly, Joh. Marshe, Tho. Joy, Joh. Bylston, Joh. fforest, Joh. Locok, Joh. Wurthynton, Tho. Cholley, Joh. Nele, Hen. Louthe, Will. Joneson, Joh. Clyfford, Joh. Neuton, Tho. Kekewyke, Alan Snape, Hen. Adurton, Ric. Bylston, Ric. Bylston, jun., Joh. Baker, Will. Ludlowe, Bened. Corkar, Ric. Gene, Will. fforde, Joh. Stanbury, Joh. Chybsey, Joh. Dauid, Joh. Dykar, Ph. Shermon, Joh. Shrouesbury, Tho. Stapulford, Tho. Newthorp, Tho. Wyndall, Tho. Strete,

[3]Legburn, Taylo*ur*, Thrustan*us* of the Lye, Ric. Preese, Joh. Radley, Rog. Milner, Rob. Kendale, Will. Corbette, Joh. Sharp, Tho. Wylotte, Tho. Michell, Rob. Melton, Tho. Holande, Olyuer Bordeman, Will. Clerke, Tho. Parkyns, Joh. Haukyns, Will. Molle, Joh. Nedame, Tho. Bathe, Will. Adbaster, Will. Russheton, Hen. Taylour, Will. Jones, one each.]

Walkers.

27 "ffullers." [Tho. Parbron, Rob. Walker, Will. Reynolde, Tho. Tokeby, Rob. Jones, Wal. Norfolke, Ric. Norfolke, Joh. Inner, Rob. Crofte, Joh. Langton, Will. Hardewyk, Rob.

[1] lxxij *i. e.* 72 jacks. [2] leaf 145, back.
[3] Blank.

Whitacur, Joh. Beynton,[1] [2]Joh. [3], Joh. Chambur, Rob. Blubery, Ad. Gawge, Tho. Horsley, Will. ffyppe, Joh. Bowdy, Tho. Ronton, Rad. Wright, Will. Flecher, Tho. ffuller, Ric. Tokeby, Ric. Olyuer, Tho. Rowby, one each.]

Wiredrawers.

40 "wier-drawers," 43 jacks.

[Joh. Stafford three; Joh. Recheford two; Tho. Elderbek, Ric. Recheford, Tho. Stafford, Will. Orsley, Will. Cleybroke, Tho. ffaukes, Joh. Sheldon, jun., Joh. Peche, Joh. Shurley, Nic. Taylour, Joh. Manton, Joh. Stafford, jun., Will. Stafford, Rad. ffolkeshull, Joh. Hasteng, Rob. Othewode, Will. Dowbryg, Ric. Wygens, Joh. ffolkeshull, sen., Will. Bolton, Tho. Smyth, card-wirdr*awer*, Tho. Hoten, Hen. Tredsyn,[4] Joh. Elderbek, Ric. Rage, Hen. Dalton, Rob. Garette, Tho. Bateman, Tho. ffolkeshull extr*a* l*e* New-yate, Tho. Jones of Dedelone, Joh. Onley, Joh. Symson, Ric. Bocher, Will. Rolff, Joh. Mathowe, Nic. Jones, Joh. Marshall, Rob. Rasshe one each.]

Journeymen eiusd*em* artis.

8 journeymen of this craft.

[Will. Gyam, Joh. Kebull, Tho. Prikonshawe, Will. ffawkonbruge, Tho. Smyth, card-wirdr*awer*, Tho. Smyth de Gosford-str*ete*, Tho. Mountfort, Ric. Persons, one each.]

Coruysers.

39 "Coruisers."

[Tho. Mason, Joh. Eborall, Ric. Staffordshire,[5] [6]Tho. Paunton, Will. Compton, Joh. Derby, Joh. Ardurn, Tho. Norwyc, Tho. Jakemon, Will. Mason, Hen. Barker, Hugo Manten, Joh. Maynard, Bened. Stockton, Joh. Crulle, Joh. Lorde, Will. Shipston, Tho. Cowcher, Joh. ffoster, Ric. Palmer, Will. Alansonne, Ric. Drought, Rob. Mason, Will. Rowlot, Joh. Nele, coruyser, Ed. Wylson, Joh. Colyns, Joh. Golofur, Hen. Mason, Tho. Alen, Will. Mason, Will. Marchall, Joh. Botte, Ric. Drought, sen., Will. Huett, Will. Hende, Joh. Sponne, Joh. Symondes, Tho. Walker, one each.]

[1] lxxij *i. e.* 72 jacks. [2] leaf 146. [3] Blank.
[4] or Tredfyn. [5] lxix jack*es*, *i. e.* 69, really 68.
[6] leaf 146, back.

Smythes.

49 "Smiths." Ric. Bedon, Will. Haddon, Rob. Burnell, Hen. Hobbes, Ric. Bromley, Will. Stedeman, Joh. Plumpton, Joh. Yong, Joh. Esex, forbur,[1] Joh. Sedyngwode, Will. Dyngley, Rob. Wodeward, Galf. Rose, Coteler, Will. Chaterton, Will. Malory, Tho. Morton, Tho. Gardener, Rob. Skille, Hugo Chadurton, coteler, Tho. ffalkes, gol . . . .[2] Will. Hothoos, bokilmaker, Will. Smyth, wolleman,[3] Ric. Lyng peut*er*ere, Ric. Burnell, goldsmyth, Will. Goodeyere, gold*smyth*, Reg. Bere, Ric. Lane, Joh. Kyrkeby, smyth, Will. Bedon, Cariour,[3] Joh. Malory, Joh. Bedwurthe, Joh. Walker, lorymere,[3] Will. Dillare, smyth, Will. Ive, smyth, Tho. Chapman, chaundeler,[3] Joh. Yale, peut*er*ere,[3] Joh. Hampton, Will. Mariot, Will. Melodye, Tho. Marshall, Joh. London, Hugo fforthe, barbur,[3] Will. Morton, brasier,[4] [5]Sim. Busteler, Nic. Balche, Will. Radclyf, Will. Dyvette, Joh. Orderiche, [6], coteler, one each.

ffysshemongers.

13 "fishmongers." Joh. Walle, Will. Sporiour, Guydo Wyston, Joh. Savage, Laur. Barton, Joh. Patter, Joh. Bette, Joh. Whittoft, Tho. Miller, Will. Benyfeld, Tho. Napton, Joh. Lychefeld, Joh. Reve, one each.

Whittawers.

20 Whittawers,[7] 25 jacks. [Will. Kerver, four; Joh. Deyster, three; Joh. Honyburn, Will. Pynchebek, Joh. Wyllyams, Hugo Neuton, Ric. Went, Will. Bayly, Rob. Rodes, Rog. Mason, Hen. Horsley, Tho. Clerk, Joh. Rycongey, Joh. Burdewes, Will. Chester, Hen. Rogers, Will. Bentley, Tho. Bukbrig, Tho. Grenewey, Hugo Par, one each.]

Bochers.

23 "Butchers." [Tho. Parker, boch*er*, Will. Baxst*er*, Joh. Bynley, Joh. Halle, Tho. Mores, Will. Deyster, Tho. White, Joh.

[1] =furbisher, one who polishes rust from the metal.
[2] rest deleted; it looks like goldgeler (?).
[3] Nondescript crafts seem classed under smiths.
[4] iiij xviiij jack*es*, *i. e.* 98, really 79. [5] leaf 147.
[6] Blank. [7] "? Chandlers" MS. marginal note.

Northampton, Will. Spenser, Joh. Deyster, Will. Northampton, Gal. Wulpynne, Joh. White, Wal. Broun, Joh. Imayne, Ric. Bocher, John Newmon, Tho. White, Will. Bydell, Nic. Swalynton, Rob. Burne, Will. Norton, Rog. Lyllynton, one each.[1]]

[2]Sadelers.

[Will. Spenser, Tho. Spenser, Nic. Kent, Joh. Cooke, Ric. Clerke, Joh. Spenser, Joh. Bredon, one each.] 7 "Sadlers."

Cardmakers.

[Rob. Eme, Joh. Othe lee, Ric. Clerk, Rob. fforthe, Rob. Gydlowe, Will. Cotoner, Joh. ffranklen, one each.] 7 "Cardmakers."

Masons.

[Hen. Clerk, Rob. Stretton, Will. Cardyf, Will. Storiour, Tho. Braymere, Tho. Yemons, Ric. Peyntour, one each.] 7 "Masons."

Skynners.

[Joh. Shemeng, Rob. Torsote [? Torfote], Tho. Tyler, Joh. Alderwas, Joh. Oldenhale, Ric. Knightley, Tho. Colchowe, Ric. Clerk, Ric. Peche, one each.] 9 "Skinners."

Pynners, tylers.

[Rob. Gloucetur two; Will. Swyft, Joh. Hoges, Joh. Bayly, Joh. Crosse, Joh. Smyth, Joh. Ravon, Tho. Bette, Ric. Cardyf, Joh. Langcastell, one each.] 10 "Tylers," 11 jacks.

Bakers.

[Ric. Rede, baker, Rob. Nevell, Ric. Cockes, Ric. Parbron, Will. Crampe, Ric. White, Joh. Hulle, Joh. Smyth, Will. Mylner, Tho. Shawe, Ric. Botell, Ph. Kaytewayte, Tho. Hulle, Hen. Stevenson, Joh. Oldebury, Mat. Curtes, Joh. Thomason,[3] [4]Tho. Hakette, Joh. Enggillon, one each.] 19 "Bakers."

Barburs.

[Joh. Hopton, barbur, Tho. fforthe, Godefrid Barbur, Ric. Barbur iuxta Bablake, Hugo fforthe, barbur, Rob. ffyge, barbur, Joh. Barbur atte Bulryng, Joh. Bylston, 15 "Barbers."

[1] lxvij jackes, *i. e.* 67.
[2] leaf 147, back.
[3] lviij jackes, *i. e.* 58.
[4] leaf 148.

Hen. Burbur, Tho. Grysley, Ronulph Barbur, Will. Barbur, Ric. Barbur atte Gosford stulpes,[1] Joh. Wode, barbur, Will. Bedford, one each.]

Wrightes.

20 "Wrights." [Tho. Cleybroke, Joh. Powes, Hen. Dalby, Joh. Clyfton, Joh. Halle, Will. Wyresdale, Tho. Gybons, Joh. Toppe, Rob. Toppe, Tho. Jabette, Joh. Davy, Hen. Warmynton, Joh. Cleybroke, Will. Kyng, Will. Bowman, Tho. Hamond, Tho. Grene, Joh. Whyte, Joh. Wodecote,[2] Alan. Wytham, one each.]

Barkers.

8 barkers. [Joh. Coupar, Ric. Pysford, Joh. Reynold, Joh. Harres, Ric. Stone, Will. Sponar, Tho. Gylbard, Joh. Pysford, one each.]

Cokus ete.

5 "Cookes." [Rob. Persale, Joh. Dalton, Rog. Stanley, Will. Togoode, Will. Taylour, one each.[3]]

RIC. SHARP, MAYOR, 1450.

Jan. 25. [4][Election of officers.]

24 electors. Tho. Wirley, Joh. Leder, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Swanne, Will. Kervar, Joh. Warant, Joh. Walgrave, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Clerk, Joh. Wildegrise, Ric. Dene, Will. Peere, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Austen, Will. Kempe, Joh. Stafford, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Byram, Will. Warrewyke, Joh. Baker, Joh. Goolde, Will. Clerke.

Officers. [m. Ric. Sharp; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Will. Saunders, Will. Gloucestre; w. Joh. Garton, Ric. Dyvet; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. Ps. [Ric. Sharp, m., Tho. Litulton, rec., Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Leder, Will. Swanne, Joh. Walgraue etc. Afterwards Joh. Leder died on (blank) day, and Ed. Brogreue was chosen (electus) in his place.

[1] v. *E. D. D.* stoop, a post. O.N. stólpi; stolpe, *Prompt. Parv.* 533 (Mr. Stevenson).
[2] Depopulated village near Warwick.
[3] l Jackes. *Summa totalis* = vij^{c} xliiij Jackes (or 744), ? 685.
[4] leaf 149.

[The mayor, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Leder, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue.

Guardians of the keys of the chest where the common seal is, and of the chest where the standard measure is kept.

[The mayor, Tho. Wirley, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Will. Braytoft, M. G. C. C., have one apiece; the wardens have another, and a key of the door of the tower where the chest is kept.]

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

Couentre. Ap. 18, 1450.

[1][V. f. p. held before Ric. Sharp, m., Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Wode, b., on Saturday after the close of Easter, 28 H. VI.]

Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Leder, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swan, Will. Kerver, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Joh. Grynder, Ric. Boys, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Alen, Gerv. Cole, Joh. Catur, Will. Pere, Will. Warrewyk, Will. Kempe, Ric. Clerk, draper, Joh. Stafford, Joh. ffreman, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Biram, Joh. Wilgris, Joh. Garton.

[Orders of leet.

[Forty decent men of good and honest behaviour and bodily strength,
shall keep watch in the city from the ninth[2] hour until the ringing of the Daybell, within which time according to the accustomed oath they shall guard the city well and sufficiently. Which men every night shall be well and sufficiently arrayed in jacks, sallets, poleaxes or glaves and the like; and how further these men shall be ruled in watch hours the leet place in the mayor's and council's discretion.]

Qui ordinaverunt quod xl homines decentes, bone & honeste conuersacionis, ac fortes in corpore ad laborandum & ad vigilandum, noctanter custodient & vigilabunt villam a hora nouena,[2] vsque ad pulsacionem campane vocate Daybell; per quod tempus secundum Juramentum consuetum bene & sufficienter custodient villam istam etc. Qui homines quolibet (*sic*) nocte erunt bene & sufficienter apperalti (*sic*) in Jakkis, Salettis, polaxes vel Gleyues & aliis consimilibus etc. Et quomodo ipsi xl homines vlterius tempore vigilacionis erunt gubernati illud ponunt in discrecionem Maioris & consilii, si etc.[3]

[1] Scribe B. leaf 149, back.
[2] 9 p.m. The same time as the gates were shut.
[3] Evidently owing to the disturbed state of the country an attack was feared. The month of June in this year witnessed the rising of Jack Cade.

"A ground in Bishop-street graunted for 80 years, 12*d.* per ann."

Hit was graunte at þis [lete] to John Norwode at his request & desire a voyde grounde lying in the Bysshop-strete besides a house of his there-in, which Will. Buxston late helde, for the terme of iiij xx 3eres, paying þerfore yerely to the Chambre xij d., with the seid grounde conteyneth in lengh xij fote, & in brede x fote, & þe seid John duryng þe seid terme to kepe all maner reparacions.

The town-ditch.

Also they ordeyn that the Town diche without Gosford-3ate lying & strecchyng towardes Harnall be clensed & þat euery man clense before his owne grounde & þat to be doon within viij daies next folowyng.

A spire at Gosford-gate.

Also they ordeyn that a spyre be made besides the Gosford-3ate as hit hath be of olde tyme; & hit to be made at þe wardeyns coste.

No filth from the jail to be thrown on the highway.

Also they ordeyn that no person within þe Gayle of Couentre fro this tyme furth cast no pysse in-to the high weye, vppon þe peyn of þe Gayler to lese [1]at euery defalt[1] xl d.

Also hit was ordeyned at þis present lete, at the request & desire of þe Chamberleyns that there shuld be ordeyned & named in euery warde iiij persones which shuld haue the kepyng & guydyng of þe town yates, & they iiij in euery ward to chese on person, which shuld haue the kepyng of þe keyes of euery 3ate, & he to open þe 3ate euery mornyng & to lok hit at ix of þe Clok in þe night; and þey þat kept þe keyes of þe Newe-3ate, Spon-strete-3ate, Bishop-3ate & Frere-3ate & Gosford-3ate to haue 3erely for their labour iiij s. apece; and they þat kept þe keyes of all the other 3ates to haue ij s. apece & to be paide be þe Chamberleyns for þe tyme beying.

"Gates to be locked."

Keepers of keys appointed.

Sept. 30. [[2]V. f. p. held on Wednesday after Michaelmas, 29 H. VI.]

Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Leder, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Bristowe, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Joh. Walgrave, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Boys, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Anabull, Ric. Botoner, Joh. Grynder, Ric. Dene, Will. Pere, Will. Kempe, Ric. Clerk, Ric. Austen, Joh. Stafford, Joh. ffreman, Joh. Wylgris, Will. Warrewyk etc.

[1] Repeated. [2] Scribe B. leaf 150, back.

[Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Biram.] Bailiffs.

At þis present lete & be auctorite of the same was graunted vnto John Shirwode for xxxvj li., wherof xxvj was paide then & there vnto the wardeyns of this Cite, a Mese[1] place lying before Bablak, which some tyme was Gyles Corbrond, to haue & hold to þe seid John, & to the heris of his body lawefully begoten, & for lak of such issue to reuerte vnto þe Towne aȝeyn etc. Orders of leet. "Graunted vnto John Sherwode a tenement against Bablake."

[Ordinance concerning spinners[2] (*v.* p. 243) confirmed.] "Spinners" to have their work weighed by sealed weights.

And they nowe ordeyn þat no man delyuer no werk but be weyghtes ensealed & that þe officers take no more for sealyng of a wyght & dimidium wyght but ob. & no more, vppon peyn etc. ½*d.* for sealing a weight and half a weight.

[*v.* p. 232. Brewer only to use conduit water "for dressing of his mete."] "Maltsters and brewers not to fetch water out of Conduits."

THE FIFTEENTH.

[3][Collectors of the fourth part of a fifteenth paid at Martinmas, 29 H. VI. Nov. 11, 1450.

Sums as in p. 142 (1432). Total £12. 10*s.* 0*d.*

Names as in p. 243–4; except that in Bayly-lane Tho.[4] Gryme and Tho. Wirley stand for Joh. Gryme and Tho. Burley.]

RIC. BOYS, MAYOR, 1451.

[[5]Election of officers.] Jan. 25.

Joh. Walgrave, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Will. Kervar, Joh. Esex, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wyrley, Edm. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Wildegryse, Ric. Botoner, Will. Pere, Ric. Dene, Will. Kemp, Ric. Austen, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Goolde, Will. Clerke, Joh. Baker, Joh. Catur, Reg. Bere, Hen. Watford. 24 electors.

[m. Ric. Boys; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Ric. Spake, Will. Gylbard; w. Joh. Gryme, Joh. ffranklen; mace, Will. Oxton.

The names of the justices of the peace and both sets of keepers of the keys are blank.]

[1] = a messuage.
[2] The sweating of women workers in industrial life is ancient.
[3] leaf 150. [4] Joh. is written over the top.
[5] leaf 153. Scribe of type p. 102.

FORTIFICATIONS AND LEET PETITIONS.

Mar. 27, 1451.

An assembly of worthy men, 89 in number,

[1]Hit is to haue in mynde that the Seturdy nest after the feste of the Purificacion of our Lady last past all thes wurthymen foloweng into seynt Mary halle called to-gidur afore the Meyre, Ric. Boys, a communicacion there to be hadde of & for dyuers maters for the wele & wellfare of[2] this Cite etc. That is to sey: Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Sharp, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warant, Edm. Brogreue, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Byram, Will. Braytoft, Hen. Syrcok, Joh. Grynder, Will. Pere, Geru. Cole, Will. Kempe, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Dene, Ric. Alen, Ric. Clerk, Joh. ffreman, Joh. Stafford, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Austen, Will. Gylbard, Ric. Spake, Joh. Baker, Will. Clerk, Reynold Bere, Tho. Whyte, Joh. Goolde, Tho. Rastell, Ric. Osbarne, Will. Saundres, Rob. Glouseter, Joh. Gryme, Joh. ffrankelen, Joh. Garton, Ric. Dyvette, Ric. Cockes, weuer, Eustas Golofur, Rob. Nevell, Rob. Eme, Joh. Alderwas, Will. Awbrey, Tho. Waren, Ric. Wymondeswold, Ric. Bromley, Hen. Watford, Ric. Alde, shermon, Joh. Bentley, Tho. Jakemon, Ric. Tokeby, Joh. Boteler, Gye Wyston, Edm. Dalby, Ric. Penson, Ric. Bedon, Joh. Mores, drouer, Ric. Clerk, weuer, Hen. Banbury, Tho. Haddon, Joh. Maynard, Galf. Bower, Joh. Wylde, Joh. Mershe, Wal. Norfolk, Joh. Honyburn, Tho. Broun, lynne-draper, Tho. Bradmedowe, Rog. Burnes, Joh. Lote, weuer, Tho. Gylbard, Joh. Bentley, Will. Deyster, bocher, Joh. Savage, Will. Pynchebek, Raff Wright, Tho. Tokeby, Tho. Bredon, Hugo Barbur, Tho. Grene, hosier, Ric. fflynt, Nic. Kent, Tho. Skotte, Joh. Nele, taylour, ffylippe Gosnore, Rob. ffalkes.

consult concerning the fortifications.

Town-ditches to be cleansed.

The wheche wurthymen, maters dyuers for the wele of this Cite meved & hard & comende etc., han ordeyned & prouyded that the Town dyches of this Cite shullon be clansed and that to do [3]euery howseholder of this Cite shall fynde a man, howse be howse, & warde-be-ward, in lyke wyse as the wache gothe, excepte that euery

[1] leaf 153, back. [2] "than necessari to be" deleted.
[3] leaf 154.

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FOREWORD.

Part II of the Leet Book contains 324 pages as against 256 of Part I, an increase of 68 pages, due to Dr. Furnivall's desire that we should not break into the career of the rebel, Laurence Saunders, with whose disappearance from history this part accordingly ends. The matter contained in this division of the Leet Book is, perhaps, more varied, fuller of personal details and of items of historical interest, than was the case with its predecessor, and as it was thought that Part I suffered in not possessing some preliminary guide to its contents, I determined that Part II should not also be defective in this respect. The following slight introduction, which will not anticipate to any appreciable extent the final survey of the work in Part IV, is merely intended to enable the reader to obtain as readily as may be, some idea of the most striking features of that portion of the Leet Book that deals with the period between 1451 and 1496.

As Coventry was one of the chief Lancastrian strongholds of the realm, a frequent residence of the Court in the early days of the Wars of the Roses, and later a centre for the operations of the Kingmaker, this period is unusually rich in details connected with fortification, military history, and leading personalities who played their part in that time of strife. The strengthening of the city's defences in 1451 with cleansing of ditches, repairing of walls, and purchase of guns,[1] the reception given to Henry VI that same year,[2] the pageantry at the welcome to Queen Margaret in 1456,[3] the record of the council held in 1457,[4] the commission concerning the attainted Yorkist lords received in 1460,[5] all point to the ascendency of the Lancastrian party in the early days of the conflict.

Later the city veered round to York, and a welcome with pageantry was accorded to Edward IV after the battle of Towton.[6] Warwick's machinations in 1469 and his *volte-face* in favour of Lancaster in the following year again threw the city into the conflict between the

[1] See pp. 257–62. [2] See pp. 263–4. [3] See pp. 285–92.
[4] See pp. 297–8. [5] See pp. 310–1. [6] p. 313, p. 316.

warring houses, and in 1471 Edward IV came fresh from his victory at Tewkesbury to mulct the city with a fine of 500 marks for the part the citizens had taken with his enemies. With reference to Robin of Redesdale's rebellion in 1469 the Leet Book scribe lays the scene of the Woodvilles' execution at Gosford Green, whereas other authorities say that the father and brother of Edward's queen suffered death at Kenilworth; while in the account of the Lancastrian revival in 1470[1] Warwick and Clarence are said to have come to Coventry from the west with 30,000 men, before they went to London.[2] The citizens hastened to make their peace with the victorious Yorkists, and welcomed Prince Edward, afterwards Edward V, with as gay a show as they had previously prepared for Margaret of Anjou.[3] The later Yorkist period is marked by a series of royal interferences with local affairs, an encroachment, it would seem, at first resented by the citizens,[4] and by frequent appeals for money to aid the king in his wars. The rule of the House of the White Rose appropriately closes with an allusion to Bosworth, "the field of King Richard."[5]

The city was also filled with internal troubles. The close corporation that ruled it was often both unpopular and inefficient. The craft companies resented the governing body's authoritative interference in their affairs,[6] and sought to control their members by sueing them for oath-breach in courts spiritual removed from the jurisdiction of the city. The dyers, a craft to which the rebel Saunders belonged, were a particularly stiff-necked and troublesome body.[7] To add to the general unrest disputes concerning encroachments of the common pastures, of which we have seen traces in Part I (p. 45) begin in 1469 to occupy a prominent place in the records;[8] and an interminable quarrel between the mayor and commonalty on the one hand and a Whitley landowner—whose name I once read Bristow, but after many comparisons and much debate have decided to spell Briscow—on the other, fretted the citizens until they rose in rebellion.[9] The practice of surcharging the commons by powerful graziers was denounced by Laurence Saunders, whose career opens in 1480, the year of his chamberlainship, when he presented an appeal concerning this matter[10] to the Prince of Wales. Again and again he spoke in protest about the alienation of the citizens' rights of common. The most interesting and individual figure in the whole history of mediæval

[1] pp. 346, 358–9.
[2] For the pledging of Clarence's jewels for a loan see p. 381.
[3] pp. 391–3. [4] p. 433. [5] p. 531. [6] pp. 302–3 *et passim.*
[7] p. 418. [8] pp. 350 *sqq.* [9] p. 491. [10] pp. 430–43.

Coventry, Saunders after being fined, imprisoned, cautioned by the Prince of Wales' council, bound over to keep the peace, vanishes into the Fleet prison defiant to the last. Undoubtedly he had a great following in the city; and in the verses composed by some rhymster of his party there crystallizes the popular discontent of years.[1]

Up and down the Leet Book are scattered countless allusions of interest to students of legal, ecclesiastical, topographical or social history. Such are the mention of a widower's life-interest in a dead wife's property when issue had been born of the marriage "by the Courtesy of England";[2] the sealing of the standard measures;[3] the positions of churchwardens;[4] the building of S. Michael's church;[5] the treatment of the spinners;[6] the regulation concerning morals under Henry VII;[7] the order against wooden chimneys;[8] Margaret of Anjou's manner of riding;[9] the distribution of the holy cake;[10] while on account of their early occurrence, unusual sense or rarity, the words "spayre,"[11] "purpensed,"[12] "experimently"[13] and "reteigndour"[14] are remarkable.

[1] pp. 556, 566–7, 574–80. [2] p. 268.
[3] p. 267. Mr. Richard Savage has courteously supplied me with items from the Stratford chamberlains' accounts which show that the Coventry strike served as a model for Stratford in Shakespeare's time.
[4] p. 460. [5] p. 461. [6] p. 271. [7] p. 544. [8] p. 549.
[9] p. 297. [10] p. 417. [11] p. 260. [12] p. 475.
[13] p. 536. [14] p. 394.

worthy man shal-be charged to bere ther parte also-well as odur. "Cleansing of towne ditch by houses."

Also they ordeyned that portcoles shull be made at euery yate of this Cite ther as the yate is made to haue a portcoles, and this to be don be the chamburlens of this Cite atte Cite Coste. Portcullis at every gate. "Gates made ffor the Citty."

Also they ordeyned that ther shulde be made Spayers[1] withe-in the water of Shurburn to holde vp the water yif nede requyre, and to lat the water passe all odur tymes, and this also to be don be the chamburlens etc. on the Cite coste. The river.

Also that ther shulde be dyvers Cheynes made of Iron & hanked[2] in dyuers places withe-in this Cite for to hang ourthewarde[3] dyuers lane eendes as hit now aperethe where; and this also to be don be over-syht of the meyre & his Counsell. "Chaines at Lanes ends in þe Citty."

Also that ther shulde be made a posturne at the over partie of the Spon-strete; The which postorn shall be made atte Costes of the seyde Spon-strete; that is to sey, fro Bablake yat vpward into the subarbes. A postern.

The wyche ordenaunses aboue rehersed the Meyre be the avyse of his Counsell at all tyme covenable dud his due parte acordeng to the seyde ordynaunse, also-well in clanseng the Town-diches, in makeng portcoloses, spayers, Cheynes, as in all oder thynges, no lawful tyme spared. Nertheles at a lete holdon in Coventre etc. The[4] Thursday next after the Close of Ester the yere of the reyne of kyng Herry the sixt the xxix, a bille was put vp & delyuerd vnto the wurthy men of the seyde lete, of the whiche bille the Tenour folowthe in thes wordes:— May 6. At the leet a petition is put up,

To all the wurthy men of this present lete, plese hit your wyse discressions to consider that where now late in the Meyres tyme that nowe is, after good Custome of this Cite of long tyme hadde, at seynt Mari-halle assembuld ther xlviij persons & moe of the most wurthy persons attat tyme beeng withe-in this Cite for goode gouernaunse & rule in the seide Cite to be hadde & kepte, atte whiche tyme hit was ordeyned that ther shuld be made

[1] *v.* Gloss. [2] hanged, *N. E. D. s. v.* hank.
[3] = overthwart. [4] repeated.

certen portecolesses, spayers, Cheynes, and also that the dykes of this Cite shulde be clansed. The whiche portecoles, Spayes & Cheynes ben made & myche part of the dykes clansed; and where at that tyme hit was ordeyned that the seide dykes shulde be clansed be *per*sons goeng acordeng to the wache, the whiche hathe gon twyes thorowe this Cite to right grete charge & in speciall to the poer peapull: That ye wolde attis *pre*sent lete the seide ordenaunses of thes xlviij *per*sones & moe made, conferme to be ferme & stabull;[1] and more-over to ordeyne that the seyde dyches may-be ffynysshed for the grete *pro*fet & wurship of this Cite be suche weyes & menes as shall be leest cost & charge to this Cite, and in speciall [2]to the poer pepull. Also where in euery Cite & Towne of this londe ther is in euery warde an alderman to whome *cer*ten & eu*ery* *per*son of the warde shull haue recours yif ony auenture falle, so that eu*ery* aldermon hathe a grete strengeth of pepull to go into eu*ery* place of the Cite & Towne and when nede requyreth, that ye wolde of your grete wysdomes ordeyne that hit may be in lyke wyse withe-in this Cite fro thys tyme in tyme that is to come.

complaining of the charge borne by the poor in these works;

and begging that they may be spared; also a petition is made for an alderman for every ward.

The whiche bille was onswered be the wurthy-men of the seide lete in maner & forme as herafter foloweth: ffyrst, they ordeyne that xij li. x s. shal-be leued of the that ben Thrifty men of this Cite, & poor men spared, but yif he be a laborer that geteth iiij d.[3] a day, he to pay j d. or ij d. atte most; & with that seide xij li. x s. the town dyches shul-be clansed; and the Meyre shall take viij wurthy-men to be of his counsell to set the dyches to be clansed; & what the laborers shall haue that to do. Also the seyde wurthy-men of the lete ordeyne that eu*ery* mon of this Cite when he [is] called shal-be redy to com atte The Meyres comaundement, & to be attendant to the meyre we*n* he sendeth for hem, as hit hathe ben vsed of olde tyme. Also they afferme & ratifion the ordenaunses made be the wurthy men afore rehersed,

It is ordained that £12. 10*s.* is to be levied from the thrifty for the works, and the poor spared.

The mayor and 8 worthy men to apportion work and payment.

Confirmation of the ordinances of the Mayor's Council.

[1] Evidently an order of the Forty-eight had to be ratified by the succeeding leet.

[2] leaf 154, back. [3] Evidently a good average wage.

that is to sey be hem that wern called to be afore the meyre the Seturday next after the feste of the Purificac*i*on of our Lady last past etc. in this same yere ordeyned.

Of the whiche xij li. x s. ther come to the Meyres hondes but xj li. vij s.; and the cause was this the Sponstrete warde brought not in ther som*m*e be xix s., and the Bysshop-strete brought not in ther su*m*me be iiij s.

Nertheless[1] the xx^ti^ day of June the Meire lat calle afore hym these wurthy-men whose names herafter folowen, for to co*m*en ce*r*ten martes [? maters] for the wele of this Cite. June 20, 1451. Another council summoned:

Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Esex, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wirley, Ed. Brogreue, Joh. Byram, Rob. Bradmedowe, Hen. Syrcok, Joh. Grynder, Ric. Dene, Joh. Whalley, Will. Peer, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Ric. Alen, Ric. Austen, Joh. ffremon, Joh. Stafford, Ric. Botone*r*, Ric. Wode, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Norwode, Simon Byrches. 25 councillors

The whiche wurthy-men in alsomyche as the forseide xj li. vij s. suffised not to clanse the seyde dyches, They ordeyned that the Meyre shuld reseyue of John Garton & of Ric. Dyvette, late wardens of this Cite, C s. to ffynesshe the werk in the diche with-in the Litell parke. Also ther last viij s. of the su*m*me that was gedurd for the gonnes of brasse, the whiche viij s. was spent also in the same vse. S*um*ma total*is* Rec*e*p*tionis* xvj li. xv s. ordain deficit to be supplemented by £5. from the wardens: total spent £16. 15*s*. 0*d*.

[2]Me*morandum* that acordeng to the ordenaunses afore rehersed The Meyre called to hym viij wurthy-men of this Cite & madon couena*u*nt withe Lewes Dyker[3] as for clanseng of the seyde dyches; That is to sey, the seyde Lewes shuld clanse the diche that strech[i]the in lengeth from the Dog-lone vnto the Cook-strete-yate, conteyneng in lengeth x perche, he takeng for euery perche v s.; also to clanse the dyche in the Podycroft conteyneng in lengeth xj perche, takeng for eu*e*ry perche v s., and for makeng of a dyche bank apon the same dyche, the which colted[4] Covenant with Lewes Dyker to cleanse the ditches. One ditch ten perches long at 5*s*. a perch, and another eleven, for the same,

[1] Characteristic of this scribe. Note also his "attis," "attat," not used by others.
[2] leaf 155. [3] ? Surname or occupation.
[4] Slipped or caved in (*E. D. D.*).

for a ditch-bank 6*s.* 8*d.*,

other work 16*s.* 8*d.*,

yet another ditch at 6*s.* 8*d.* a perch:

in afore that tyme, for the wiche he hadde vj s. viij d. Also the same Lewes hadde for rammeng & stoppeng the spayre[1] of ston for the wat*er* shuld not issu owt etc. xvj s. viij d.; also the same Lewes shuld haue for clansyng the dyche with-in the Litull-parke conteyneng xxvj perche lyeng to-gider in oon place, and for iiij perche be the Newe-yate, S*umma* of the perches xxx^{ti}, for eu*er*y perche vj s. viij d. Also hit was apoynted that he shuld haue abouon all this a gown glothe [? clothe], p*r*ice vj s. viij d.

sum total £16. 15*s.* 0*d.*

S*umma* om*nium* exp*ensarum*. xvj li. xv s.

"Gunes to be made."

M*emorandum* that the Meyre, the Baylies, that is to sey, Rob. Bradmedowe & Joh. Byrame, withe odur wurthy men of this Cite, for strengthyng of the same yif nede shulde hit requyre, (the whiche God forbede!), ordeyned that ther shulde be made iiij gonnes of brasse, ij greter[2] & ij smaller; the gretter arn called serpentynes; and euery gonne shuld haue iij Chamburs; The whiche gonnes arn made & browght in; and they lyne in Bablake-yate in a towre; And they weyon $\overset{xx}{xvj}$ lb. viij lb., euery lb. at iiijd., S*umma* vli. ixs. iiijd. And payde more-ouer to the maker of the gonnes for carieng the gonnes fro Bristowe to Couentre, and for his lyeng here lenger then his apoyntment was, vj s. viij d. Also payde to John Smythe of the Bysshop-stret for 1 lb. Iron, and for the byndeng the seyde gonnes into her frames, euery lb. j d. ob. S*umma* vj s. iij d. I*tem*, payde for ij grete Trestulls to ley the gonnes on when they shul-be shotte iij s. iiij d. ffor the payment of the whiche gonnes etc. hit was ordeyned atte same tyme of John of Garton & Ric. Dyvet late wardens x marc'. S*umma* of the exp*enses* of the gonnes vj li. v s. vij d.

Four guns purchased

and brought from Bristol;

they weigh 328 lbs. at 4*d.* a lb., total £5. 9*s.* 4*d.*;

for carriage of guns 6*s.* 8*d.*;

50 lb. of iron, and work-manship 6*s.* 3*d.*

2 great trestles, 3*s.* 4*d.*

10 marks from the wardens; total £6. 5*s.* 7*d.*

balance 8*s.*

So ther levithe of the seyde x marc' viij s., The whiche viij s. was payde to the clanseng of the dyche in the Litull-parke, as hit aperithe a-fore etc. So the seyde meire & the Towne remaynon evon, & no-thyng vnpayde etc.

All straight.

[3]M*emorandum* that acordeng to the ordenaunse as for

[1] A difficult word, *v.* p. 257 and Gloss. Dr. H. Bradley suggests an opening in a wall on the analogy of spayre = an opening in a garment.

[2] "gretter" repeated. [3] leaf 155, back.

makeng of portcoles, spayres, posturnes, & clenseng of dykes & odur thynges made, as hit aperethe afore—The meyre hathe made a portcoles at Bablake-yate, anodur at the Nu-yate with all apparell that longothe to hem; and he hathe also lat make a Spayr in the Podycroft be-twene the ij Towres, as hit aperethe ther, anodur spayre be-twene the Hul-strete-yate & Cook[1]-strete-yate vnder a tour ther, as hit aperethe also, and also anodur our the watur of Shurburn besyde Gosford-yate; also the Meyre hathe lat make a new yate with-in Cheylesmore [yate[2]] to a gate ther ledeng into the parke; also the Meyre hath late made of newe vij Cheynes of Iron, and the vij withe to odur cheynes of long tyme past made he hathe dispossed & ordeyned in the forme as here after folowthe, that is to sey, atte Westorchard ende on, atte Brode-yate anoder, the thride atte Grey-frer-lone ende, the iiij at the Pepur-lane eend be the Cookes ther, the v atte Litel-park-strete ende, the vj atte Hey-lone ende, the vij atte Bayly-lone ende, the viij atte Much-park-strete eende, the ix atte Ded-lane ende.

Portcullis,

a new gate,

"Chaines (?) fightened at Lane and Street endd, viz. ix."

And as toucheng the clansyng of the dykes acordeng to the seide ordenaunse the meyre hathe lat clanse fro the tour in Dog-lane to the Cook-strete-yate, the whiche is xxij perche & an half; also fro the Cook-strete-yate to the Priory xix perche, ffro the Grey-frer-yate to the speyre of ston ther in the Podycroft xxij perche & an half; also the meyre hathe radmed[3] (*sic*) & pyled in the same dyche etc.; and fro the Lytel-park-yate to the Nu-yate lij perche, and in Gosford-strete from a ten*ement* Called Golofur-place vnto the Ten*ement* of Will. Braytoft in the Myl-lone xxvij perche & an half. S*um*ma Cxl perche & iij perche.

More cleansing of ditches.

143 perches.

And also the meyre hathe lat make of the town walle be-hynde the Cook-strete as hit ther aperethe moreover then is aboue rehersed, ij perche & an half & iij fote, and also a stone walle in Dog-lone atte town dyche ende be the tour, as hit also ther aparethe, and apon sent Jones burche ij ston walles, as hit aperethe also.

An additional piece of the town wall built; a stone wall in Dog-Lane, and upon S. John's bridge.

[1] Interlined Wel, *i. e.* Well-street-gate. [2] deleted.
[3] MS. radm̄ed, *i. e.* rammed.

"Making Spon-bar gates."

Also the meyre hathe lat make in the Spon-strete a barer, and all the costes ther-of was born of the same strete.

The guns

And The Gonnes that ben ordeyned for the Towne, as hit is afore rehersede, that is to sey, iiij Gonnes & a barell of Gonnepowder, & xiij peletes of Iron & of lede for the gretter gonnes, & ij dosen pelettes of lede for the Smaller gonnes, ben in a tower of Bablake-yate in the towre next to the Podycroft wherof the Chamburlens han the key.

kept in a tower.

EASTER LEET.

May 6.[1]

[2][V. f. p. before Ric. Boys, m., Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Biram b., on Thursday after the close of Easter, 29 Hen. VI.]

24 jurors.

Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Sharp, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swan, Wal. Kerver, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Essex, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Grynder, Ric. Dene, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Will. Pere, Ric. Clerke, Ric. Austen, Joh. Stafford, Joh. ffreman, Th. Warmyngton, Ric. Wode, Ric. Sparke, Joh. ffrankelen, Joh. Wilgres, Joh. Golde.

Orders of leet. 30 lbs. of yarn to a dozen cloth.

Hit is ordeyned at this lete þat no weuer within þis Cite should take lesse to make a dosen Cloth þen xxx li. yaron.

Item, hit was ordeyned at þis same lete & graunted to John Lokkey a tenement withoute þe Frere-3ate afore Cheylesmore grene for terme of lxxxxviij [? yeres], the seid John to bilde þe seid tenement & after hit is bilt to sufficiently repair and to pay perfor þe olde rent, & ouer þat to þe Trinite Gilde vj s. viij d. 3erely, as appereth be dede made to-d[ay].

THE KING'S VISIT.

The mayor has all matters concerning the king's visit

[3]And for-alsomyche as hit is right nesesarie & full nedefull to reduse maters into mynde that afore tyme ben don in eschueng stody & labur in suche cases that herafter arn lyke to falle, The meyre hathe late to compyle as for the kynges comeng into this Cite, for his beeng withe in this

[1] I have sacrificed chronology here to unity of subject matter.
[2] Scribe B. leaf 158, back. [3] leaf 155, back.

Cite, and also of his rideng out of this Cite, withe all the demene the mene-whyle hadde, as hit apereth in writeng next after here foloueng: set down in writing.

"Receavinge the king."

[1]Memoran*dum* that the xxj[ti] day of Septembre the yere of our soueren lorde afore rehersed, The kyng our soueren lorde cam from Leycestur toward Couentre, The Meyre beeng thenne, that is to sey, Ric. Boys & his wurthy bredurn arayed in Skarlet and all the Co*min*alte cladde in grene gownes & rede hodes in Haselwode be-yonde the brode Oke on horsbak attented the comeng of our soueren lorde. And also sone as they haddon syght of our soueren lordes p*re*sens The Meyre & his peres lyghton on fote, [and] mekely thries kneleng on ther knees dud vnto our soueren lorde ther due obeysaunce, The Meyre sayeng to hym thes wordes:—"Most highest & gracious kyng, ye arn welcome to your true lege menne withe all our hertes." Atte wyche the Meire, be avyse of counsell, hadde no mase in his honde, but his seriant attendeng apon the Meyre, the wordes afore rehersed seyde, put the Mase in the Meyres honde, & the Meyre kysseng the mase offurd hit to the kyng, The kyng, tarieng & herkeneng the Meyres speche in fauerabull wyse, seyde thes wordes:—"Well seyde, Sir,[2] Meyre, take your hors." The Meyre then rode forthe afore the kyng, bereng his mase in his honde, with the knyght Constaball next afore the kynges Swerde, The bayles of this Cite rideng afore the Meyre withe ther mases in ther hondes makeng wey & Rome for the kynges comeng; and so they ridon afore the kyng till the kyng come to the vttur yate of the Priory. The kyng then forthewithe send for the Meyre & his bredurn be a knyght to come to his p*re*sence, & to speke withe hym in his chambur, & the Meyre & his peres acordeng to the kynges comaundement come into his Chaumbur & thries ther knelleng dudde ther obeysaunce. Thomas Lytelton, then Recordur, seyde vnto the kyng suche wordes as was to his

Sept. 21.

The mayor, his brethren and the commonalty magnificently clad go to meet the king on horseback.

The ceremony of welcome.

The king is graciousness itself.

They ride to the Priory, where the king sends for the mayor and his brethren.

[1] leaf 156.

[2] The double stroke // between these words must be represented by a comma.

The king's compliments;

thynkyng most plesaunt, our soueren lorde seyeng agayne thes wordes. "Sirs, I thank you of your goode rule & demene, and in speciall for your goode rule the last yere past, for the best ruled pepull thenne withe-in my Reame. And also I thank you for the *pr*esent that ye nowe gaue to vs"—The whiche *pr*esent was a Tonne wyne & xx^{ti} grete fatte Oxon. The kyng then moreouer gaf hem in com-

and his charge to them.

"A present to the kyng. A tunn off wine and xx^{ti} ffat oxen."

aundement to govern well his Cite & to see his pease be well kepte, as hit hathe ben afore-tyme, seyeng thenne to hem he wolde be ther goode lorde. And so the Meyre & his peres departed, etc.

On Michaelmas eve the king announces he will visit S. Michael's church at the festival.

The kyng then abydeng stille in the seide *P*riory apon Mich*elm*as Evon sende the Clerke of his Closet to the Churche of sent Michell to make redy ther his Closette, seyeng that the kyng on Mich*elm*as day wolde go on *pro*-cession & also her there hygh masse. The Meyre & his Counsell remembreng hem in this mater specially avysed hem to prey the Bysshoppe of Wynchester[1] to sey high masse afore the kyng. The Bysshoppe so to do agreede withe all his herte.

The ceremony of church-going;

And agayne the kynges comeng to sent Michell churche, The Meyre & his peres, Cladde in Skarlet gownes withe ther clokes and all oder in ther Skarlet gownes, wenton vnto the kynges chambur durre ther abydeng the kynges comeng. The Meyre then & his peres doeng to the kyng due obeysaunce when he come fro his Chambur, Toke his mase & bere hit afore the kyng, all his seyde bredurn goeng afore the Meyre, till he com to sent Michels &

the procession;

brought the kyng to his Closette. Then the seyde Bysshoppe in his pontificals arayede withe all the prestes & [2]Clerkes of the seyde Churche of Bablake[3] withe Copes apareld wenton in *pro*cession abowte the Churcheyarde. The kyng devowtely withe many odur lordes folowed the seyde *pro*cession bareheded, cladde in a gowne of golden tussu, furred withe a furre of marturn sabull, the Meyre bereng the mase afore the kyng as he dudde afore tille he com ageyne to his Closette. At the whyche masse when the kyng had offerd & his lordes also, he sende the lorde

[1] Will. Waynflete. [2] leaf 156, back.
[3] The Trinity Gild church.

Bemond,[1] his Chamburlen, to the Meyre seyeng to hym: —"Hit is the kynges wille that ye & your bredurn com & offer." And so they dudde.

the return.

And when masse was don the Meyre & his peres broughton the kyng to his Chaumbur in lykewyse as they fet hym, saue only that the Meyre withe his mase went afore the kyng till he cam withe-in his Chambur, his seide Bredurn abydeng at the Chambur durre till the Meyre cam ageyne.

At evensong-time,

And at Evesong-tyme the same day the kyng be ij for his body & ij yomen of the Crowne sende the seide Gowne & furre that he were when he went in *pro*cession & gaf hit frely to God & to sent Michell, Insomyche that non of the that brought the gown wolde take no rewarde in no wyse.[2]

the king gives his gown and fur freely to God and S. Michael.

Oct. 5, 1451.

And after all this don on the Teusday next after the fest of Sent Michell then next sueng, the kyng, *pur*poseng to remove, toke his hors & rode forthe toward Kyllengworthe. The Meire & his peres & the Co*min*alte, in lyke wyse as they ridon withe the kyng into the Town, so in the same wyse they ridon withe the kyng towardes Kyllengworthe, till they comon to a place be-yonde Astill-grove, agayne a brode lane the ledethe to Canley, and then there the kyng willeng to speke withe the Meyre & his Bredurn seyde to hem thes wordes :—"Sires, I thank you of your goode rule & demene at this time, & for goode rule among you afore hadde, & in speciall for your goode rule of the yere last past. And where-as ye ben nowe Baylies we will that ye be herafter Sherefes; and this we graunt to you of our own fre wille & of no speciall desire. Moreour we charge you withe our pease among you to be kepte; and that ye suffer no Ryottes, Conuenticuls ne congregasions of lewde pepull among you. And also that [ye] suffer no lordes lyuereyes, knyghtes ne S[q]wyers to be reseyued of no man withe-in you, for hit is ageyne our statutes; and also that [ye] abey my comaundementes, and yif ye be thus ruled we wille be your goode lorde." And this don the Meyre & his bredurn, takeng ther leve

The manner of the procession towards Kenilworth when the king leaves.

The king's speech containing

the promise of new liberties. "The first Sheriff made by the King's owne mouth."

No conventicles or riots; and no maintenance.

[1] Beaumont.

[2] Evidently a rare disposition on the part of royal officials.

God save the king!

of the kyng, so then departed & ridon to Couentre agayne. Godde saue the kyng.

Oct. 13, 1451.

THE NEW CHARTER.

And the meyre considereng the grete loue & tendurnes that the kyng, our soueren lorde, hathe shewede to this Cite, as hit aperithe aboue in writeng, In the fest of sent Edwarde lat ordeyne to com afore hym thes wurthy-men, whose names here after folown, to haue of hem ther goode avyse what is most nesesarie & nedefull for this Cite in this to be hadde. The whiche wurthy-men ordeyned that Thomas Lytulton, Recordur, Reynolde Bere, oon of the baylies of this Cite, John Norwode, William Betley, Henre Boteler, John Whalley, & John Abell shuldon ride to London, and ther be avyse of lerned Counsell to prouyde a chartur suche as shal-be most profitabull & also most nesarie to this Cite. The whiche so to do, to [?so] that Godde wolde gyf hem grace, they agredon to gyf hur labur & atendans:—Whose names her-after folown etc.

A council of worthy men consult about the new charter.

Divers of them go to London for further advice.

77 councillors.

Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Esex, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wirley, Ed. Brogreue, Reg. Bere, Will. Braytoft, Hen. Syrcok, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Lychefeld, Ric. Botoner, Ric. Dene, Joh. Whalley, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Stafford, Joh. ffremon, Ric. Clerke, Ric. Austen, Will. Kempe, Joh. Byram, Rob. Bradmedowe, Ric. Wode, Will. Pere, Ric. Spake, Joh. Baker, Rob. Glouceter, Will. Saunders, Tho. Whyte, Joh. Recheford, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Franklen, Joh. Goolde, Joh. Garton, Ric. Dyvet, Eus. Golofer, Ric. Cockes, Tho. Stafford, Tho. Colet, Rob. Eme, Ric. Clerke, Ric. Atwode, Joh. Derby, Joh. Arthurn, Ric. Bromley, Joh. Crosse, Joh. Sircok, Joh. Bynley, Tho. Dey, Ric. Hampton, Tho. Hobbes, Hugo Manton, Joh. Boteler, Joh. Apulby, Ric. Clerke, Tho. Parbron, Tho. Walgraue, Tho. Broun, Joh. Wylde, Wal. Norfolk, Joh. Lote, Joh. Honyburn, Tho. Gylbard, Joh. Stone, Tho. Haddon, Nic. Kent, Ric. Spyser, Rob. Nevell, Tho. Cockes, Joh. Mores, Rog. Oswestre, Joh. Maynard, Joh. Hony, Will. Arnold.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

Coventre. Oct. 2.

[[1]V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 30 Hen. VI.]

Jurors.

Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wirley, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Joh. Whalley, Hen. Sircok, Will. Pere, Ric. Dene, Ric. Aleyn, Will. Kempe, Ric. Clerk, Ric. Austeyn, Joh. Stafford, Joh. ffreman, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Wode, Will. Gilberd, Joh. Gryme, Joh. ffrankleyn.

Bailiffs.

[Joh. Wildegrys, Reg. Bere.]

TOWN BUSINESS.

The clerk of the market seals the standard strike of brass,

and the half-strike of wood.

[[2]Memoran*dum* that the Meyre, that is to sey, Richard Boyse, in this tyme that our soueren lorde the kyng lay here in Couentre, laburd to [[3]Brooke, Clerke of the markette, to haue the brason Stryke[4] Selede, & the seyde Clerke of the market, makeng his proues, mesured the Strike & seled hit in to plases withe a synet that longud to his offys; That is to sey the prynte ther of is a crowne; withe the whyche seale the half stryke of tree was selede afore in the tyme of Ric. Sharp then beeng Meyre. The whyche brason strike & a halff strike withe a writ of proclamacion acordeng to the Statute lyon to-gidur in the Co*m*en Cofur in the Midull Tour chaumbur of sent Mary halle.

The corporation deeds lie in a coffer in a tower in S. Mary's Hall.

Also all the dedes, munimentes, Skrowes,[5] Charters that longon to the lyuelode of the Chambur of this Cite of Couentre lyon in a Closette withe-in the forseyde Co*m*en Cofur sauely ther to be kepte. To the whiche Cofur ther ben v lokkes & v keyes; of the whyche the Meyre hathe oon, the Mayst*er* of the Trinite yelde anodur, the Mayst*er* of Corpus *Christi* anodur, The Chamburlens anodur, & the wardens anodur, to thentent that they there shuld be the more sauely kepte.

A messuage in Bayly-lane,

once J. Garton's,

M*emorandum* that a mees place, the whiche lyethe in Couentre in the Bayly-lone withe shoppes in the forthur-fronte, the whiche was sumtyme John of Garton & his

[1] leaf 158, back. Scribe B.; again I have sacrificed strict chronology. [2] leaf 157, back. [3] Blank.
[4] "selde" repeated. [5] Scrolls.

called The Herte, to revert to the mayor and commonalty. But one W. Walsale,

[? wyff] called "The Herte" of the whiche Mees the reuersion ther-of after the desese of certen parsons was to the Meyre & cominalte of the Cite of Couentre, as hit aperethe be the Euydens of the seide Mees beeng in the comen Cofur.[1]

claims right in the same.

And now the reversion is fallon to the Meyre & to the cominalte, & so they ben now in possession etc. And for-alsomyche as oon William Walsale, sqwyer, the whiche had wedded Johanne, that was doughter to John of Garton, Claymed to haue tytell in the seide Mees, The Meyre & John Walgraue, mayster of the Trinete yelde, with odur, be avyse of the Recordur & odur lerned Counsele to be in pesabull possession, comend withe the seide William Walsale to wyt & to know wherby & why he claymed to haue the seide Mees. And he answered & seyde that he Claymed to haue the seyde Mees be the Curtesy of Inglonde,[2] seyeng that he had a chyld be Johane his wyf aboue rehersed. And for-alsomyche as the seyde William had entred apon the seyde Mees and was in full purpose to put the londe in plee & in trowbull, Hit was thought that hit was better to trete Then to plete etc. A trete was takon and appoynted be trety that the seide William Walsale shulde relese all the right that he hadde in the same Mees withe the shoppes & all odur apurtenaunse, and also that he shulde bryng in all the dedes, munimentes, skrowes, & all maner of Euydens that he hadde of the seyde Mees etc., for the whiche so to do he hadde x li. and that was payde be the Meyre of parcell of the fote of the acounte of John Garton & of Ric. Dyvet, late wardens of this Cite.

Wherefore the mayor and other commune with him to know on what his claim is based.

He is bought off with £10. 0*s*. 0*d*.

THE FIFTEENTH.

Collectors of the fifteenth. Nov. 11, 1451.

[3][Collectors of the fourth part of a fifteenth "payeng at Martylmas, the yere of kyng Herry the vj[t] the xxx."

Gosford-street: Bawdewyn Metley, Joh. Langton, Tho. Straunge, Will. Knyght, weuer; £1. 9s. 0d.]

Jordan-well: Rob. Eme, Joh. Peche, Joh. Cramp, Hugo Pollard, £1. 5s. 6d.

[1] "now is fallen" deleted.
[2] Pollock and Maitland, *Eng. Law*, II. 414.
[3] leaf 160.

Much-park-street: Will. Awbrey, Tho. Paunton, Tho. Tyler, Tho. Waren, £1. 5s. 0d.

Earl-street: Tho. Dey, Will. Holme, Joh. Bentley, Joh. Gawge, £1. 8s. 5d.

Bayly-lane: Hen. Watford, Rob. Skylle, Tho. Hobbes, Will. Mason, 17s. 6d.

Broadgate: Joh. Hony, Joh. Eborall, Tho. Gardener, Hugh Manton, 11s. 8d.

Smithford-street: Nic. Kent, Ric. fflynt, Reg. Rouk, Joh. Wyrthyngton, £1. 0s. 0d.

Spon-street: Hugo Barbur, Rob. ffalk, Will. White, Joh. Harres, £1. 8s. 5d.

Cross-cheaping: Hen. Adurton, groser, Hen. Banbury, Tho. Chapmon, Will. Deyster, boch*er*, £1. 16s. 3d.

Bishop-street: Ric. Spyser, Joh. Wode, Reg. Oswestre, Joh. Stanffeld, £1. 8s. 3d.]

THE SHERIFFS' CERTIFICATE.

[The certificate of the sheriffs of the county of the city of Coventry to be certified into the Chancery of the lord king after they have been sworn.

[To the most excellent prince lord Henry, king of England (etc.) your humble and faithful servant and petitioner R. Boys, mayor of Coventry,
certifieth into Chancery that J. Wylgrys and R. Bere are sheriffs of the county of your city, and that they have taken their oath openly in the Gildhall before the mayor, that the said John and Reginald will do, exercise and perform well, duly and faithfully all that appertains to that office, accord-

[1] Certificatio vice*comitum* Com*i*-*tatus* Ciuitatis Couentre quol*ibet* anno postq*uam* Jurat*i* fuere in Cancellar*iam* dom*i*ni Regis certificand*a* etc.

Excellentissimo principi dom*i*no Henrico Dei gr*atia* Rex Angl*ie* & ffranc*ie* & dom*i*no Hib*ernie*, Vester humilis & fidelis seruiens & orator Ric. Boys, Maior Ciuitatis[2] siue ville v*est*re de Couentre, in Cancellar*iam* v*est*ram certificat q*uo*d Joh. Wylgres & Reg. Beere sunt vice*comites* Com*i*-*tatus* v*est*re Ciuitatis p*redicte*, & q*uo*d ips*i* coram p*refato* Maiore in Guyhalda eiusdem Ciuitatis sacra-*mentum* suum ap*er*te prestiterunt & Jurati sunt, q*uo*d iidem Joh*annes* & Reginaldus officium[2] vice*comitis* Ciuitatis p*redicte* ac om*n*ia que ad

[1] leaf 158. Scribe of B. type. [2] deletions.

ing to the oath as long as they are sheriffs of this city.
In testimony whereof

the said mayor has caused the seal of the mayoralty to be affixed to these presents.
Given at Coventry in the 30th year of the king's reign.]

officium illud pertinent bene, debite, & fideliter facient, excercebunt & exequentur secundum formam Juris quamdiu ipsi vicecomites eiusdem Ciuitatis exstiterint. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum officii Maioratus Ciuitatis siue ville predicte dictus Maior presentibus apponi fecit. Datum apud Couentre Ciuitatem predictam etc. anno regni Regis vestri nobilissimi tricesimo.

WILL. BRAYTOFT, MAYOR, 1452.

Will. Braytoft's election. Jan. 25, 1452. 24 electors.

[[1] Election of officers.]

Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Will. Kerver, Joh. Esex, Joh. Waraunt, Tho. Wirley, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Pier, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Stafford, Joh. Byram, Ric. Dene, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmynton, Rob. Bradmedowe, Will. Clerk, Will. Kemp, Joh. Garton, Joh. Baker, Joh. Catur, Ric. Clerk, Joh. Goolde.

Officers.

[m. Will. Braytoft; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Hen. Adurton, grocer, & Tho. Haddon deyster; w. Joh. Gryme, Joh. Franklen; mace, Will. Oxston.]

[The mayor and chamberlains to make one perch less of the wall than usual, so that £7. 16*s.* 0*d.* of the first money of the murage shall be paid to the executors of R. Charite and Tho. Whyte, formerly chamberlains.

Item, volunt & ordinant quod Maior & Camerarii ibidem electi minus facient hoc anno de muro Ciuitatis quam solebant vna pertica. Ita quod septem libre sexdecim solidi de prima pecunia muragii soluantur executoribus Ric. Charite & Tho. Whyte nuper Camerarii etc.[2]

J. Ps.

[Will. Braytoft, m., Tho. Litelton, rec., Joh. Walgraue, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Edm. Brogreue, Ric. Boys.

Guardians of keys.

The same except the recorder.

Guardians of the other keys.

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[1] leaf 159. [2] *i. e.* 1449.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

[1]¶ [V. f. p. held before Will. Braytoft, m., Joh. Wilgrys, Reg. Bere, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 30 Hen. VI.] Couentre. Apr. 15.

Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swan, Will. Kerver, Joh. Essex, Tho. Wirley, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Will. Pere, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Whalley, Will. Kempe, Ric. Austen, Joh. Stafford, Joh. ffreman, Tho. Warmyngton, Hen. Sircok, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Garton, Joh. Golde, Tho. Swetenham, Hen. Atterton, Gro*cer*, Tho. Haddon, Joh. Gryme. 24 Jurors.

[Orders of leet.

[Any servant playing at an illicit game, or betting, on feast days shall be imprisoned for three days, and pay 4*d.* to the sheriffs; and every master shall have the same penalty and pay 12*d.* to the sheriffs.]

Ad hanc let*am* Ord*inatum* est quod quil*ibet* ser*u*iens ludens ad aliquem iocum illicitum, vel bettyng, diebus festiuis h*ab*eat imprisonac*ion*em per tres dies, & vlt*r*a id soluat vicec*omitibus* iiij d. Et quod quil*ibet* M*agist*er sic ludens h*ab*eat eandem penam prius & soluat vicec*omitibus* xij d.

Hit was also ordeyned at þis lete that who so eu*er* delyu*er*ed for a wyght of wolle to spyn to eny spynn*er* more then ij li. & d*imidiam* that such spynn*er* to bring her werk to þe shirrifs for the tyme beyng, & ther pr*o*ued for trouth þat ther wer more then a wyght then the seid shirrifs to sesse & take the spyndels to ther owne behofe, & to paye þe spynn*er* for hir labo*ur*, & þis to be doon as ofte as eny such fals weyght*es* were delyu*er*ed. Spinners again. "fforfeiture off yarn if aboue a weight off wooll be deliuered to spinners."

Also hit is ordeyned þat yf eny Boch*o*ur here-aftur scalde eny porke or Braune in eny other place then at the co*m*ien scaldyng-house he to lese at eu*er*y defalt xx s., half þer*o*f to the shirrifs & half to the Crafte of Boch*o*urs. Butchers and scalding-house.

And also þat all such ware be dighted & scalded be þe iiij men þer*to* assigned & swore*n* be þe seid Crafte, vppon þe same peyn.

Also þat no Boch*o*ur carie his intreille*s* of beste*s* into

[1] Scribe B. leaf 159, back.

eny other place þen to þe place þerto assigned, vppon þe same peyn.

Couentre. Michaelmas leet, Sept. 30, 1452. 24 jurors.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 31 Hen. VI.]

Joh. Walgrave, Will. Swan, Will. Kerver, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Essex, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Will. Pere, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Deane, Geru. Cole, Ric. Clerk, Joh. Stafford, Tho. Warmyngton, Rob. Bradmedaue, Will. Kempe, Ric. Austeyn, Joh. ffreman, Joh. Biram, Ric. Wode, Joh. Catur.

Bailiffs and sheriffs.

[Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet.]

[To be proclaimed that no one use no (wooden) wine jars nor long swords under penalty of losing them, except in riding.

Item, ord*inant* quod Maior & Ball*iui* fieri fac*iant* proclamari quod null*us* deinceps h*abeat* nec vtat*ur* costrell*is* nec long hangers[1] infra hanc Ciuitatem sub pena amissionis eor*um*, nisi sit equitando etc.

[H. Atterton to clean away and remove the willows and stakes at Well Street Gate before the next View (of frankpledge) under 40*s.* fine;
and to clean and remove his manure in West Orchard, and enclose his land there with pales or buildings under 20*s.* fine.]

Item, ordinant quod Hen. Atterton, hosyer, citra proximum visum mundet & amoueat salices & sudices [*sic.* ? sudes] iuxta le Wel-stretegate, sub pena xl s., & mundat (*sic*) & amoueat fimum suum in Westorcharde, & claudat terram suam ibidem cum palis vel edificiis, sub pena xx s. etc.

Turners' and coopers' market.

Item, hit was ordeyned at þis lete that wher the Turnour & Coupers of þe Cuntre were wonte to haue their Market on the Goode-friday be which people were lette fro seruice þat goode [? Friday], therfore hit was ordeyned that þe seid market of þe seid wares shuld euer frohensfurth be kept on þe ffriday next before Palme-Sonday, & neuer to be kept of þe seid Goode-Friday, and that hit be holden in þe Bochery þat market, etc.

Corn.

Also hit was ordeyned þat no maner persone frohensfurth resceyue ne house no corne in þis Cite bought be Baggers, Regratours of þe market, vppon the peyn to lese at euery defalt vj s. viij d.

[1] Evidently because of the inconvenience to passers-by.

Also [hit] was ordeyned for clensyng of þe stretes that euery hall durre shuld paie quarterly to þe Carre j d. euery person þat holdeth a shop ob. And þat þe comien seriant haue power to distreyne for non-payement of þe seid money. Sanitation; 1*d.* to the cart, ½*d.* to the same.

SHEREFFS' AND CORONERS' OATHES.

[1] *The Othe of the Shireves of the Cite of Couentre.*

Ye shall be goode & true to the kyng of Inglond & his heyres[2] & to the ffraunches of Couentre, and hyt maynteyne & susteyne. And ye shall well & truly ocupie & excersise the Offices of Shireves & baylies of this Cite, & all fermes & fees that the[3] Baylies of this Cite han vsed to pay[4] in dischargeng of this fraunches truly paie or do to pay in dischargeng the Meyre & the Cominalte of this Cite, [5]excepte such fees that ye arn discharged of nowe be this our newe chartur[5]; and true Juges be in your offices in all maters afore you moved, or dureng the tyme of your offices to be moued; and do right to the poer as to the riche, with-owten ony favur[6] to be shewed in ony wyse[7]; ne non extorceon ne oppression do to the

To maintain the franchises; pay fees; judge truly; show no favour;

[1] leaf 160, back. One of the three forms of this oath in the MS. One version, an "othe of the Sherrefs & Baylefs of the Citee of Couentre" occurs on leaf 107, back; it is much deleted and interlined with various hands; referred to below as A. For the "Sacramentum balliuorum ville de Couentre," *v.* p. 224. Slight variations between the A version and the one here given are not noted.

[2] "The kyng oure souereynge lorde and to his heirz kynges of Englande," A. [3] "Schyrryfes &" added, A.

[4] A. adds in various hands, much deleted: "Also ye shall pay to the Rentgederar of the Trinite gilde the half yeres rent of the Jayll-hall due at oure Lady day thanunciacion next comyng by Whitsonday next foloyng, and to pay Michelmas rent by All Halows day next after that." Hand changes to a later one, repeating this in a slightly varied form ("master" for "rentgaderar"). "And ye shall bestowe this yeire xx s. in reparacion of the gaoll-hall; and all this ye shall do to your power, so help you God, etc. And ye shall pay xx s. to the (?) beylie of this Citie for the rent of the gaoll-hall, and all other thynges that belonge to your office," etc. This is at the end of A. In the margin opposite "do to pay" much-deleted A reads "& all other fees according to such order as is decreed by the [illeg.] of the present leete."

[5–5] omitted, A. "excepte . . . chartur" is underscored by a line.

[6] "ayenst Justes" added, A.

[7] "Ye shall renownce & forsake the bishop of Rome, etc." added in much later hand, A.

return writs; pepull; and also execute & return all maner of writtes, warantes & *pre*ceptes that shall be to you directe, or be you to be executed, savyng all-wey the ffranches.[1] hold courts, sessions of peace, pleas of the crown, And also ye shall well & truly in *pro*pur *per*son contynue[2] ouery Courte day, Cessions of the pees, plee reale, to be holdon withe-in this Cite of Couentre dureng the not leave the city without licence; terme of your offices, and not departe out of this Cite, ne this fraunches, at no tyme dureng your seide offices withe-outen lycense of the Meire beeng[3] dureng the tyme of your seide offices.[4] hold county courts; And ye shall duly holde your Countees whithe-in this seyde Cite fro monethe into monethe on the Tewsday dureng tyme of your offices; be demened by the mayor's advice; [5]and ye shall not set eny of *your* subbay[li]wikk*es* to eny certeyn ferm, etc.[5] And ye shall be demened[6] in all thynges toucheng your seyde offices as the meyre for the tyme beeng be the avyce of his Counsell will comaunde you, the whiche is lawfull, honest or *pro*fet[7] to this Cite. so help you God. And all thes shall ye do & kepe to your power & Coneng dureng the tyme that ye stond in your offices, so help you Godde & halydame. Levy no fines until the justices have assessed them; [8]And ye shall rere noo fynes of eny cessions of peas vnto þe tyme þe Justicez of peas haue cessed hem. diet in your own house; make no officer without the mayor's leave. [9]And ye shuld kepe yo*ur* co*ur*t daies at dyet in yo*ur* owne housez, & þe cessions in man*er* of olde tyme vsed.[9] And ye shull make (?) non offic*er* vnder [you] but be þe award of þe Mair & his counceill, and aft*ur* þeym in all maters be ruled & corrected.[8]

CORONER'S OATH.

The coroner Ye shall duly & truly ocupie & excersise the office of Coronurshippe of the Shire of the Cite of Couentre, and duly be at the Countes of the seide Shire holdon within to attend courts; the seyde Cite euery monethe on the Tewsday, and truly

[1] "of thys Cytte" added, A.
[2] "to be p*risente*" added, A.
[3] "M*aister* Meyre for the tyme beyng," A. [4] A varies reading.
[5–5] In margin. A. adds "and ye shall rere no ffynes of eny Cessions of the peace vnto the tyme the Justices of the peace have sessid them, excepte ffrayes. Also ye shall make no offic*er* vnder you but by thaduyse of M*aister* Meyre & his Counsell."
[6] "demanyd," A. [7] "p*rophet*," A.
[8–8] In much later hand. [9–9] deleted.

recorde exigentes[1] & Inquicicions afore you takon, and all odur thynges afore you also ferre as lawe requyrethe. And also execute & returne all maner writtes, preceptes & warauntes that shall be to you directe, or be you to be executed. And all thynges shall do that longethe to your office of Coronorshipp of this seide Shire when ye be therto requyred to do hit. Ye shall duly ocupie & excersise of clerke of reconysaunce of dettes withe-in the seyde Cite to be takon after the forme of Statutes for marchauntes made from the tyme that hit [2]happethe the offfice of ony suche Clerk withe-in the seyde Cite be ony cause to be voyde. And duly delyuer the pepull in that that in you his, that will sue for ony suche reconysaunse. And that ye compell no man to pay more for ony reconysaunce then acordeng to the statutes ther-apon made, withe-outon that he will of his own free wille & agrement ony more pay. And ye shall be demened in all thynges toucheng your seide offices that the meire for the tyme beeng be the avyce of his Counsell will comaunde you, whiche is lawfull, honest & profet to this Cite. All thees shall ye do to your power & coneng, dureng the tyme that ye stonde in the seide offices, so holp you Godd & halydame.

make record;

return writs;

act as clerk for the Statute-Merchant courts;

be demened after the mayor's advice.

JOHN FREMAN, MAYOR, 1453. Jan. 25.

[3] [Election of officers.]

Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Joh. Waraunt, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Boys, Will. Pere, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Dene, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Hadley, Will. Kempe, Joh. Stafford, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmynton, Joh. Byrame, Reg. Bere, Joh. Goolde, Joh. Baker, Joh. Catur, Joh. Garton, Joh. Honyburn, Will. Dawe.

[1] A writ which compels the defendant to appear under pain of outlawry.

[2] leaf 158. By the Statute of Merchants (1283) facilities were given for the recovery of debts. The amount of debt, and the date when payment was due were entered on a roll; if the debtor failed to pay, his movables could be seized. For the remains of a Statute-Merchant roll *v.* Corp. MSS. E. 6.

[3] leaf 162.

[m. Joh. ffreman; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Guy Wiston and Rob. Eme; w. Joh. Gryme and Tho. Bradmedowe; mace, Will. Oxton.]

[Ordered that Ric. Clerke and all others shall pay the tax for their tenements as has been accustomed, notwithstanding the change of their doors into other wards.]

Ad quem diem ordinatum est quod Ric. Clerke, Cardmaker, & omnes alii Ciuitatis Couentre soluant taxam pro tenementis etc., sicut ex antiquo consueuit, mutacionibus hostium (*sic*) tenementorum suorum in alias wardas non-obstantibus etc.[1]

J. Ps. Joh. ffreman, m., Tho. Litulton, rec., Ed. Brogreue, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue.

Key keepers (1). The same except the recorder.

Key-keepers (2).[2] The same as (1) together with Will. Braytoft, and the wardens.]

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

Couentre. Apr. 7. [3][V. f. p. before Joh. ffreman, m. Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, b., on Saturday after Easter, 31. H. VI.]

24 jurors. Ed. Brogreue, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Essex, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Grynder, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Ric. Clerk, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Biram, Joh. Wyldegrys, Joh. Garton, Joh. Gryme, Will. Gilbard.

[Orders of leet.

[No fishmonger to have more than 2 feet space between the wall and his table.

Ordinatum est quod quilibet ffysshemonger deinceps non habeat largiorem spacium inter murum suum & mensam suam (?) positum nisi spacium duorum pedum ad maius [or 40*d.* fine].

[The wardens to have the rents of all the gates yearly; and to repair the same gates.]

Item, volunt (etc.) quod Gardiani huius Ciuitatis habeant redditus omnium portarum annuatim, et quod faciant reparacionem earundem portarum.

[1] Probably an extra back or front door communicating with a different street.

[2] Keepers of the keys of the chest (ciste) where the standard called "le brason Strike" remains. "Le brason ("brasyn," p. 284) strike" is mentioned leaf 159, p. 270.

[3] leaf 162, back. Scribe B.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Tuesday after Michaelmas, 32 H. VI.] Couentre. Oct. 2.

Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant, Tho. Wirley, Joh. Walgrave, Ric. Boyes, Will. Braytoft, Will. Pere, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Grynder, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Deane, Geru. Cole, Will. Kemp, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Wode, Ric. Austeyn, Ric. Clerk, Reg. Bere, Joh. Wylgris, Rob. Bredmedowe, Rob. Eme, Joh. Gryme. 24 jurors.

[Hen. Atterton, Ric. Spake.] Bailiffs and Sheriffs.

[Everyone with lands or houses in Little-park-street to cleanse their ditch and take away the dung near to Baronswell before All Saints' day, or 12 d. fine.]

Ordinant quod quilibet qui habet terras seu tenementa in vico Parci Minoris mundet fossatum suum & auferat fimum etc.[1] iuxta Baronswell citra festum Omnium Sanctorum proximo futurum, sub pena cuiuslibet deficientis xij d.

[Bits[2] not to be thrown into Broadwell on pain of forfeiture of the same.

Item, quod nullus decetero iactat (*sic*) lez bittez in fontem latam, sub pena amissionis & perdicionis dictorum lez bittez.

[The sheriffs to choose 3 testers of leather every year, viz.
a girdler, a cobbler, and a tanner, who shall be sworn to test leather, whether it be well tanned or no. And whoever sells leather before it be fully tanned to lose 40*s.* to the sheriffs.

Item, ordinatum est quod vicecomites qui pro tempore fuerint decetero eligant quolibet anno tres tastatores Correi, vnum a girdeler, alium a Coruiser, & tercium a barker, qui erunt Jurati ad probandum Correum, vtrum sit bene tannatum vel ne. Et quicumque decetero vterrat Correum suum ante sit plene tannatum perdat ad quolibet (*sic*) defectum xls. vicecomitibus pro tempore soluendos etc.

[The reward coming to the mayor's officers, the sergeant and swordbearer, in gifts, fees, etc., to be equally divided between them, as it has been of old time; and

Item, ordinatum est quod quodlibet commodum annuatim officiariis Maioris, videlicet le Swirdberer & le Meirs seriant, proueniens vt in donis, regardis, feodis, & aliis pertinenciis, deinceps inter eos equaliter diuidatur,

[1] I am not sure if this should read "auferat fimum etc. iuxta" or "& (et) iuxta." [2] = bottles or pails; *v.* gloss.

whoever does the contrary to lose his office.]

prout ex antiquo consuetum fuerit, sub pena dimittendi officii sui, qui in contrarium fecerit etc.

Also they ordeyn that yf eny officers fro this tyme forward be founde vicious of his body, that then he be put oute of his office in eny wise, and þat no man pray for such officer, and that þe Shirrifs take such officers as shall please theym be þe advice of the Mair for the tyme beyng.

RIC. WODE, MAYOR, 1454.

Jan. 25. [1][Election of officers.]

24 electors.. Ric. Boys, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreue, Will. Braytoft, Geru. Cole, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Baker, Joh. Garton, Ric. Dene, Reg. Bere, Joh. Warant, Joh. Whalley, Will. Kemp, Tho. Warmynton, Will. Saundres, Joh. Goolde, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Grynder, Joh. ffrankelen, Joh. Byram, Ric. Austen, Will. Peer.

[m. Ric. Wode; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Joh. Shurwode, Joh. Hadley; w. Tho. Bradmedow, Joh. Straunge; mace, Will. Oxton.]

[At which day it was ordained that every mayor for the future be sworn in his oath amongst other things to supervise the tenements belonging to the treasury (Cameram) of this city, four times a year or more, to wit once within a month after the Purification (imperfect).] [2]

J. Ps. [Ric. Wode, m., Tho. Litelton, rec., Ric. Boys, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreue.

Key-keepers (1). The same, except the recorder.

Key-keepers (2). The same as (1), together with the wardens.]

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

Couentre. Apr. 28. ¶ [3][V. f. p. held before Ric. Wode, m., Hen. Atterton, Ric. Spake, b., on the Saturday after Easter, 32 Hen. VI.]

24 jurors. Ric. Boyes, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swan, Joh. Warant,

[1] leaf 163. [2] The other times are not specified.
[3] Scribe B. leaf 163, back.

Tho. Wirley, Joh. Walgrave, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ger. Cole, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Deane, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Clerk, Ric. Austen, Will. Kemp, Tho. Warmyngton, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Biram, Joh. Wylgris, Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Garton.

[The tilers' wardens and craft and all tile-makers to come each year before the mayor to swear that they will not sell semi-tiles, and the tilers shall not place them, under a fine of 1*d.* for every tile.

[Every butcher to scald his swine at the common scalding house, or 20*s.* fine, as was before ordained.

[All who slaughter oxen, cows, calves and sheep shall place the skins outside their doors in the common street, under 40*d.* fine.]

Qui ord*inant* quod Custodes artis de Tylers & omnes eiusd*em* art*is* ac omnes factores tegulor*um* (*sic*) sint coram Maiore annuatim Jurat*i* quod non vend*ant* aliquam Semy tyll, nec illi qui tegulant ponant hui*us*mod*i* semytyll, sub pena cui*us*lib*et* delinquent*is* j d. pro qual*ibet* tegula etc.[1]

Item, Ord*inant* quod quil*ibet* Carnifex scaldet porcos suos ad communem scaldynghouse, sub pena xxs., sicut preantea ord*inatum* fuit.

Et omnes qui mortificant boues vaccas & vitulos & oues quod[2] ponant pelles eorum extra hostia sua in communi strata sub pena xl d. etc.

¶ [V. f. p. before on the Monday after Michaelmas, 33 Hen. VI.]

Couentre. Michaelmas leet. Sept. 30, 1454. 24 jurors.

Ric. Boyes, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swan, Joh. Walgraue, Tho. Wirley, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Joh. Warant, Will. Pere, Ger. Cole, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Deane, Will. Kemp, Ric. Clerk, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmyngton, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Biram, Reg. Bere, Will. Saunders, Joh. Catur, Joh. Garton.

[Guy Wyston, Joh. Gryme.]

Bailiffs and Sheriffs.

[If J. Got commits fornication, especially with Elizabeth, wife of Tho. White,
or brings in the influence of some lord or master for having

[Ordained] quod si Joh. Got deinceps vtat*ur* aliqua muliere in fornicac*ione* & specialit*er* cum Elizabeth vxore Tho. White, aut laborat alicui dom*ino* aut M*agistro* pro offic*io* suo,

[1] *v.* p. 232. [2] (?) To facilitate detection of stolen cattle.

his office of gaoler, he shall lose his office; or if he use any one's livery, save only that of the mayor and sheriffs, the same penalty follows.]

videlicet Gayler,[1] *habendo, quod tunc perdat officium suum, aut si vtatur aliqua liberacione alicuius persone nisi tantum Maioris & vicecomitum decetero, tunc sequatur predicta* pena etc.

The sword-bearer. [Granted to Will. Tylottes, "swirdberer, in encressyng his ffee," 20*s.* yearly, to be paid by the wardens.]

RIC. CLERK, MAYOR, 1455.

Jan. 25. [[2]Election of officers.]

24 electors. Will. Braytoft, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Swanne, Joh. Waraunt, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreue, Ric. Boys, Joh. ffreman, Rob. Bradmedowe, Ric. Dyvette, Hen. Addurton, Ric. Dene, Hen. Syrcok, Joh. Whalley, Ger. Cole, Ric. Austen, Joh. Byrame, Tho. Warmynton, Reg. Beer, Joh. Garton, Rob. Gloucetur, Joh. Catur, Rob. Eme, Joh. Goolde.

Officers. [m. Ric. Clerke, drapar; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Joh. Dey, Joh. Illage; w. Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Straunge; mace, Will. Oxton.

J. Ps. Ric. Clerke, m., Tho. Lytulton, rec., Will. Braytoft, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreue, Ric. Boys.

Key-keepers (1). The same, except the recorder.

Key-keepers (2). The same as (1) with the wardens and except Ric. Boys.]

EASTER LEET.

Apr. 15. [[3]V. f. P. held before Ric. Clerk, m., Gui. Wyston, Joh. Gryme, b., on Tuesday after the close of Easter, 33 Hen. VI.]

Will. Braytoft, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Waraunt, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Joh. ffreman, Rob. Bradmedowe, Hen. Syrcok, Joh. Walley, Will. Pere, Ric. Dene, Gerv. Cole, Will. Kemp, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmyngton, Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Wyldegrys, Hen. Atturton, Joh. Garton, Joh. Straunge, Rob. Eme, Joh. Catur.

[1] Evidently this is the man against whom previous orders have been directed. *v.* p. 278. [2] leaf 165.

[3] ? Scribe C. The orders appear to be in a Scribe B's hand, leaf 166.

[No one of the city to frame an indictment against another in any foreign county court, under pain of imprisonment, and making fine according to the assessment of the mayor and justices.

[No one to sell cloth in S. Michael's porch, or 12*d.* fine to the sheriffs for each cloth sold there.

[The sheriffs to pay the coroner 40*d.* at Michaelmas; his annual fee being 6*s.* 6*d.*, half payable at Easter, and half at Michaelmas.

[Carpenters now being brothers of the craft to pay 20*s.* for their fines, and not to be compelled to pay further by any wardens of the craft under pain of 100*s.*

[No stranger carpenters coming to the town to dwell there be compelled to pay more than 13*s.* 4*d.* for fines, and to be paid quarterly; provided that such stranger have remained for two years, and enjoyed the liberties before he be compelled to pay.]

Ordinatum est (etc.) quod nullus infra vel de Ciuitate ista decetero iniuste laboret versus alterum de eadem Ciuitate aliquod indictamentum in aliquo extraneo Comitatu, sub pena imprisonamenti & finis fiendi per concideracionem Maioris & justiciariorum pacis assidendi.

Item, ordinatum est quod nullus decetero vendat pannum in le porche ecclesie S. Michaelis, sub pena xij d. vicecomitibus pro quolibet panno ibidem vendito.

Item, volunt (etc.) quod vicecomites istius Ciuitatis soluant Joh. ffynche, Coronatori etc. ad festum S. Michaelis archangeli proximum xl d., & sic soluendo annuatim vj s. vj d. ad festa Pasche, S. Michaelis archangeli, equaliter.

Item, ordinatum est quod Carpentarii[1] modo existentes fratres dicte artis soluant tantum xx s. pro finibus suis, & non compellantur vltra soluere per aliquos Custodes dicte artis, sub pena C s.[2]

Et quod nulli extranei Carpentarii decetero venientes ad villam Coventrie ibidem commorare (*sic*) compellantur soluere pro finibus suis vltra xiij s. iiij d., & hoc soluendum per quarterium. Prouiso semper quod quilibet talis extraneus habeat moram suam ibidem per biennium, & per eundem tempus congaudeat libertatem (*sic*) antequam compellatur finem facere vel soluere.

[1] "soluant" deleted.

[2] On the excessive fines charged by crafts for intending brethren, *v.* Introduction.

TROOPS FOR S. ALBANS' FIGHT.

May 18. A letter

[1]Me*morandum* that here-after is writon a copie of a letter that was send fro our soueren lorde the kyng to the Meyre & to the Shyreves of the Cite of Couentre.

from the king,

Be the kyng.

Trusty & welbeloued, we grete you well; & for certen grete causes moeuyng vs & toucheng right nygh our p*er*sone & astat, we wyll & desire your at [?as] our speciall

begging for troops.

trust is in you, that ye, acompanyed withe suche felishep as ye goodely may in their best & most defensable aray to do vs seruice, and suche as ye will onswere fore, wol do our comaundement & pleasir, and non odur wyse faile not to be with you [?us] whersoeuer we be in all hast possibull. In whiche doeng ye shall yeve vs right senguler cause to be vnto you right goode and gracious lorde, and to haue you in right speciall tendurnes & favour. Yevon undur our signet at our palece of Westm[ynstre] the xviij day of May.

And this letter was delyuerd to the Meyre be the hondes of John Metyngham the xxij day of May next folouenge the date of this letter, and the Meyre gaue hym vj s. viij d. in the name of a reward.

The mayor and council

Wherapon the seide meire, the tenour of this letter be hym well considered, lat calle to come afore hym the counsell of this Cite withe his bredurn afore whome this letter was redde, & they haueng tendurnes of the well-fare, & also of the p*re*seruacion & sauegard of our soueren lorde the kyng, as avery true legemon owethe, thei

order that 100 men should go to S. Albans.

ordeyned that an hundred of goode-menne denfensabully (*sic*) with bowes & arowes, Jakked & saletted, arayd, shuld be made redy in all haste possibull to go to our souerenne lorde to sent Albones, & to abide withe hym, & to do hym seruice suche at [?as] hit shuld please his[2] highnes to comaunde hem to do. And the meire & the afore-rehersede wurthy-men They ordeyned that William Tybeaudis shulde be capeten to the fornamed C Menne.

Accounts.

And hereafter folouthe in Writeng the costes & the

[1] leaf 165, back. This scribe's present participles all end in -eng.
[2] A repetition deleted.

purveaunse that wern made to the Capetayne & to the forseide C menne. ffirst for to make a newe pensell in Tarturne xvj d. In Ryband to the same xiiij d.; & for makeng of the same pensell & a tassell of silke xiiij d.; and for forbeng[1] of the spere hede ij d.; Item, for an garment to the Capetenne, first for a q*uar*ter & di*m.* of grene clothe ix d.; & for a q*uar*ter & di*m.* vyolet ix d.; & for a q*uar*ter & di*m.* redde clothe ix d.; & for a q*uar*ter & di*m.* Musturdevylers[2] xij d.; and for the makeng of the same garment xvj d. S*umma*[3]

A flag 16*d.*, riband 14*d.*, making, etc. 14*d.*, polishing a spear-head 2*d.* The captain's garment: green and violet cloth, and musturdevylers.

Also for xxv yerdes q*uar*ter & half q*uar*ter of grene & reede clothe bought to make bendes to the forseide C menne be yerde xviij d. S*um*ma xxxviij s. vij d. ob. & for the makeng of the same bendes iiij s. ij d. S*umma*[3]

25 yards of cloth to make bands for the men, 1*s.* 6*d.* a yard, total £1 18*s.* 7½*d.*, making 4*s.* 2*d.*

. Ande foralsomyche as the forseide Capeteyne ne the C menne at this tyme wenton not forthe for certen tydenges that wern brought, & also be-cause the kyng was remeued to London ageyne, & his p*ur*pose holde not, all the bendes, garment & pensell wern put & delyuerd into the wardens kepeng.[4]

Battle of S. Albans.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

[5] ¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 34 Hen. VI.]

Couentre. Oct. 4.

Will. Braytoft, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walg*r*aue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wodde, Joh. Warrant, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Walley, Ger. Cole, Ric. Dene, Will. Kemp, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Byram,[6] Ric. Austen, Joh. Wyldegrys, Reg. Bere, Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Hen. Atterton, Joh. Hadley, Will. Pere, Joh. Catur.

Recorder. Hen. Boteler to occupy as others have done afore time. Bailiffs and Sheriffs.

Q*ui* eligunt Hen. Boteler, Recordatore*m* hui*us* Ciuitat*is* ad occupand*um* et habend*um* sic*ut* ceteri Recordatores p*r*eantea h*a*buer*unt*.

[Joh. Garton, Will. Gilbert, merc*er*.]

[1] *N. E. D.* furbish.
[2] A coarse woollen cloth, perhaps from Moustierviller in France.
[3] Blank.
[4] By this time the battle was over and the Lancastrians defeated.
[5] leaf 166, back.
[6] "Bryan" deleted.

RIC. BRAYTOFT, MAYOR, 1456.

[1][Election of officers.]

Ric. Braytoft's election, Jan. 25, 1456. 24 electors.

Joh. ffreman, Joh. Waraunt, Tho. Wyrley, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Whalley, Guido Wyston, Joh. Gryme, Hen. Atterton, mercer, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Austen, Ric. Dene, Joh. Byram, Ger. Cole, Ric. Dyvet, Will. Saundres, Joh. Baker, Rob. Eme, Rob. Gloucetur, Tho. Haddon, Joh. Rocheford.

New officers.

[m. Ric. Braytoft; cor. Joh. ffynche; ch. Ric. Alde and Joh. Pynchebek; w. Joh. Ruyton, draper, and Tho. Gilbert, Barker; mace, Will. Oxton.]

J. Ps. and mayor's secret councillors.

Nomina Custodum pacis & secreti concilii Maioris etc.

[Ric. Braytoft, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. ffreman, M. G. S. T., Joh. Walgraue, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Wode.

Key-keepers (1).

The same, except rec.

Key-keepers (2).

As (1); also the wardens.]

EASTER LEET.

Apr. 3.

[2][V. f. p. before Ric. Braytoft, m., and Joh. Garton and Will. Gilbert, b., on Saturday after Easter, 34 Hen. VI.]

Joh. ffreman, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Wodde, Ric. Clerk, Draper, Rob. Bradmedowe, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Dene, Joh. Walley, Ger. Cole, Will. Kemp, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Austen, Joh. Wyldegryse, Joh. Byram, Will. Saunders, Hen. Atterton, Gui. Wyston, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Alde, Tho. Gilbert, Rob. Eme.

[The mayor to be compelled by oath to overlook the wall, that no one move earth from it, or 20*s.* fine. And if [any one do this] he shall repair it.

Ordinatum est quod quilibet Maior deinceps super sacramentum suum compellatur ad supervidendum communem murum Ciuitatis, quod nullus decetero amoueat terram a dicto muro, sub pena xx s. Et si *etc.* quod illud emendet sub eadem pena xx s.

[1] leaf 167. [2] leaf 171.

[And no one may make gardens upon the wall.]

Et q*uo*d nullus fac*iat* decetero gardinu*m* super Murum *predictum* [or 40*d*. fine.]

RECEPTION OF QUEEN MARGARET.

M*emorandum* that the Thursday next aftur the fest of seynt Bartholemewe the postyll, the yere reynyng of kyng Herry the sixt aftur the Conquest xxxiiij^ti^, Ric. Braytoft þen beyng Meyre, was made assemble yn seynt Mary halle of Worshipfull p*er*sons, whos names folowen :— Aug. 28.

Ric. Braytoft, Maior, Joh. ffreman, Magist*er*,[1] Hen. Boteler, Recordator, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. Garton, Will. Gilbert, Rob. Bradmedowe, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Whalley, Will. Kempe, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Byram, Hen. Atterton, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Pynchebek, Ric. Alde, Joh. Cat*ur*, Joh. Norwode, Sim. Birches, Joh. Baker, Rob. Eme, Rob. Gloucet*ur*, Joh. Straunge, Ric. Dene, Will. Betley, Mallory Gentilman,[2] Ric. Clerk, draper, Joh. Illage, Joh. Rocheford, Joh. Wyldegrys, Guido Wyston, Tho. Bradmedowe, Tho. Gilbert, Eustach. Golofur, Tho. Cokkes, Will. Bocher, Tho. Stafford, Will. Stafford, Joh. Maydeford, Tho. Waren, Tho. Tyler, Joh. Ardern, Rad. Calbek, Joh. Gawge, Tho. Dey, Hugo Pollard, Hen. Watford, Ric. Dyvet, Tho. Hobbes, Joh. Ordriche, Joh. Bayle, Gurdeler, Tho. Jakemon, Will. Mason, Tho. Shemeng, Nic. Palm*er*, Joh. Arrowe, weu*er*, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Hony, Will. Potter, Joh. Eburhall, Joh. Thornton, Tho. Napton,[3] Joh. Savage, Joh. Bette, Ed. Dalby, Joh. Bynley, Will. Beryngton, Joh. Hadley, deyst*er*, Joh. Reynold, Tho. Walgraue, Ric. Clerk, weu*er*, Ric. Cokkes, Ric. Wymondeswold, Joh. Maynerd, Joh. Worthynton, Tho. Broun, weu*er*, Joh. Mersshe, Joh. Honyburn, Joh. Pysford, Joh. Lote, Will. Bayle, Hen. Banbery, Tho. Broke, Joh. Argent, Will. Pynchebek, Tho. Norton, Nic. Kent. 91 councillors.

The wheche p*er*sones aboven rehersyd then ordyned & p*ro*vyded that þ*er* shold a C Marke be levyed by the 100 marks to be raised;

[1] *i. e.* M. G. S. T. [2] ? A surname or designation. [3] Deleted.

50 for the queen, and 50 for the prince.

wardes yn Couentre; wherof 1 mark to be yeven to oure soue*r*ayne lady the quene, & the other 1 marke to the Prynce at her next comyng to Couentre.

[1][Collectors of the 100 marks.

Gosford-street: Will. Crampe, Tho. Cokkes, Ric. Cokkes. £7. 14s. 8d.

Jordan-well: Rob. Eme, Ric. Clerk, Card*maker*, Will. Stafford, Joh. Maydeford. £6. 16s. 0d.

Much-park-street: Rob. Atterton, Joh. Ardern, Tho. Tyler, Tho. Waren, Will. Corbet. £6. 13s. 4d.

Earl-street: Joh. Gauge, Ric. Jacombe, Tho. Raves, Rob. Gidlowe, Rad. Calbek. £7. 11s. 8d.

Bayly-lane: Ph. Gosnore, Joh. Baylle, Gurd*ler*, Will. Westley, Tho. Fawes. £4. 13s. 4d.

Broad-gate: Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Spenser, Joh. Hony, Joh. Eburhale, Tho. Napton. £3. 2s. 4d.

Smithford-street: Nic. Kent, Joh. Worthynton, Joh. Maynerd, Joh. Yale, Ric. fflynt. £5. 6s. 8d.

Spon-street: Will. Pynchebek, Rob. Falke, Will. Aubrey, Joh. Pysford, Will. Spenser. £7. 11s. 8d.

Cross-cheaping: Joh. Boteler, Joh. Savage, Hen. Masyn, Joh. Northampton, Ed. Dalby, Hen. Banbery. £9. 13s. 4d.

Bishop-street: Tho. Walg*r*aue, Will. Horsley, Rog. Oswestre, Joh. Appulby. £7. 10s. 8d.]

Sept. 14, 1456.

[2]Afturward, that ys for to sey at the fest of the Exaltacion of the holy Crosse the xxxv^{ti} yere of kyng Herry the sixt, at Couentre, 1 marke was yeven to oure soue*r*ayn lady the quene; and the xx^{ti} day of January then next folowyng, be the seyde Meyre and his Counsell, the other 1 marke of the seyd C marke, was reliue*r*ed to the Collectours of eue*r*y warde aft*u*r the rate, as hit be endentures seue*r*ally made be-twix the seyde Meyre & the Collectours apereth, savely to kepe to the vse of the prynce, when he comes to Couentre.

Jan. 20. 1457.

The prince's 50 marks returned to the collectors.

[1] leaf 168.

[2] leaf 168, back. This account has been printed in Sharp, *Coventry Mysteries*, 146–151, and in Craig, *Two Coventry Plays* (E. E. T. S.), 109–114.

Memorandum that the demene & rule that was made & shewed un-to oure Soue*r*ayn lady the quene, at Couentre, was thus as it foloweth yn wrytyng; that is for to sey, furst at Bablake there was made a Jesse ou*er* the yate right well [arayed], and there were shewed too speches, as foloweth: The queen's welcome. The tree of Jesse.

Ysay. P*r*inces most excellent, born of blode riall,
Choson quene of this region, conforte to all hus,
I, Ysay, replete w*ith* þe spirite p*r*opheticall,
Wordes to yo*ur* magnificens woll I say thus:
Like as mankynde was gladdid by the birght of Jhesus,
So shall þis empyre ioy the birthe of yo*ur* bodye;
The knyghtly curage of p*r*ince Edward all men shall ioy to se. Isaiah.

[1] Jeremy. Emp*r*ice, quene, p*r*inces excellent, in on p*er*son all iij,
I, Jeromy þe p*r*ophete trew, þeis wordes of you wyll say:
This reme shall ioye þe blessyd tyme of yo*ur* natiuyte;
The mellyflue mekenes of yo*ur* p*er*son shall put all wo away.
Vn-to the rote of Jesse rote likken you well I may;
The fragrante floure sprongon of you shall so encrece & spredde,
That all the world yn ich p*ar*ty shall cherisshe hym, love & drede. Jeremiah.

[1] Afturward with-Inne the yate at the Est yende of the Chirche, was a pagent right well arayed, & þ*er*in was shewed ij speches, on of seynt Edward & the o*þer* of seynt John the Eva*ungelist*, as foloweth:

[2] S. Edward. Moder of mekenes, dame M*ar*garete, p*r*inces most excellent,
I, kyng Edward, welcu*m* you w*ith* affeccion righ[t] cordiall,
Certefying to yo*ur* highnes mekely myn entent. S. Edward welcomes his namesake.

[1] Transposed; in MS. the prose passage occurs twice; first with "vacat quia alibi" in the margin, before Jeremy's speech, and again after the speech.
[2] leaf 169.

For the wele of the kyng & you hertely pray I shall,
And for prince Edwarde, my gostly chylde, whom I love principall,
Praying the, John euangelist, my helpe þerin to be;
On that condicion right humbly I gif þis ryng to the.

S. John. JOHN EUAUNGELIST. Holy Edward, crownyd kyng, brothur in virginyte,
My power playnly I wyll prefer thi wyll to amplifye.
Most excellent princes of weymen mortall, your bedeman wyll I be.
I knowe your lyf so vertuus þat God is plesyd therby;
The birth of you vn-to þis reme shall cause grete melody,
The vertuus voyce of prince Edward shall dayly well encrese;
Seynt Edward, his godfader, & I shall pray þerfore dowtelesse.

Afturward the Cundit yn the Smythforde strete was right well arayed & there was shewed iiij speches of iiij cardynall vertues, as foloweth:

The cardinal virtues.

RIGHTWESNES. I, Rigthwesnes, that causeth treuth to be had.
Mekely as a maydyn my langage wyll I make,
And welcum you, princes right cherefull & glad;
With you wyll I be dwellyng & neuer you forsake.

TEMPERAUNCE. I, Temperaunce, to plece you warly wyll wake,
And welcome you as most worthy to my power,
Besechyng youre highnes this langage to take;
I wyll feythfully defende you from all maner daunger.

STRENGH. I, Strengh, þe iij^e^ vertewe, wyll playnly appere,
Clerely to conseyue yo yn your estate most riall,
And welcum yowe, princes, gladly with chere;
For to do þat mowe plece you, aray ws we shall.

PRUDENCE. I, Prudence, of the iiij vertewes highest in degre,
Welcum you, dame Margarete, quene crowned of this lande.

The blessyd babe þat ye haue born, prynce Edward is he,[1]
Thurrowe whom pece & tranquilite shall take þis reme on hand;
We shall endowe both you & hym clerely to understonde;
We shall preserue you personally & neuer fro you disseuer.
Doute not, princes most excellent, we iiij shall do oure deuer.

[2] Afturward at the Crosse yn the Croschepyng, there were ordeyned diuerse angels sensyng a-high on the Crosse, & there ranne out wyne at mony places a long whyle. Angels swinging censers.

Afturward betwix the seyde Crosse & the Cundit beneþe that, were sette ix Pagentes right well arayed & yn euery Pagent was shewed a speche of the ix Conqueroures; yn the furst was shewed of Hector, as foloweth: Nine Conquerors.

Hector. Most pleasaunt princes recordid þat may be,
I, Hector of Troy, þat am chefe conqueroure,
Lowly wyll obey yowe & knele on my kne,
And welcum yowe tendurly to your honoure
To this conabull[3] cite, the princes chambur;
Whome ye bare yn youre bosom, joy to þis lande,
Thro whome in prosperite þis empyre shall stand.

In the secunde Pagent was shewed a speche of Alexander, as foloweth:

Alexander. I, Alexander, þat for chyvalry berith þe balle,[4]
Most curagious[5] in Conquest, thro þe world am y-named,
Welcum yowe, princes, as quene principall.
But I hayls you ryght hendly,[6] I wer worthy to be blamyd;
The nobilest prince þat is born, whome fortune hath famyd,
Is your souereyn lorde Herry, emperour & kyng;
Vnto whom mekely I wyll be obeying.

[1] Born Oct. 13, 1453; died at Tewkesbury 1471.
[2] leaf 169, back. [3] = appropriate.
[4] = bell, *i. e.* surpass all others. [5] = MS. curius.
[6] = greet courteously.

In the thridde Pagent was shewed of Josue as foloweth:

Josue. I, Josue, þat in Hebrewe reyn principall,
To whome þat all Egipte was fayn to inclyne,
Wyll abey to your plesur, princes most riall,
As to the heghest lady þat I can ymagyne.
To the plesure of your persone, I wyll put me to pyne,
As a knyght for his lady boldly to fight,
Yf any man of curage wold bid you vnright.

In the fourthe Pagent was shewed of Dauid, as followeth:

Dauid. I, Dauid, þat in deyntez haue led all my dayes,
That slowe þe lyon & Goly thorowe Goddys myght,
Will obey to you, lady, youre persone prayse
And welcum you Curtesly as a kynd knyght,
For the loue of your lege lorde, Herry that hight,
And your laudabull lyfe that vertuus euer hath be;
Lady most lufly, ye be welcum to þis Cite!

[1]In the fyth Pagent was shewed a speche of Judas, as foloweth:

Judas. I, Judas, þat yn Jure am called the belle,[2]
In knyghthode & conquest have I no pere,
Wyll obey to you, princes, elles did I not well,
And tendurly welcum you yn my manere.
Your own souerayn lorde & kynge is present here,
Whome God for his godenes preserve in good helthe,
And ende you with worship to this landys welthe!

In the sixt Pagent was shewed a speche of Arthur,[3] as foloweth:

Arthur. I, Arthur, kynge crownyd & conqueroure,
That yn this lande reyned right rially;
With dedes of armes I slowe the Emperour;

[1] leaf 170. [2] ? = leader.
[3] Sharp, *Coventry Mysteries*, 149 (quoted Craig, E. E. T. S., 113). *Smiths' Accounts*, 1455(6), Item. To have owght the pagent at the comyng of the quene, that ys the parell to the pagent and harneste men and the harnes to [harnes] hem wyth and a cote armyr for Arture and a creste with iij grevyvyes, xvij s. xi d. ob.

The tribute of this ryche reme I made downe to ly—
Ihit vnto [you], lady, obey I mekely,
As youre sure *ser*uande; plesure to yo*ur* highnesse,
For the most plesaunt p*r*inces mortall þ*at* es!

In the vij Pagent was shewed a speche of Charles, as foloweth:

Charles. I, Charles, chefe cheftan of þe reme of Fraunce
And emp*erour* of grete Rome, made by elleccion,
Which put mony paynym to pyne & penaunce;
The holy relik*es* of Criste I had in possession—
Ihit, lady, to yo*ur* highnes to cause dieu refeccion,
Worshipfully I welcu*m* you aftur yo*ur* magnificens;
Yf my ser*u*ice mowe plece you, I wyll put to my diligence.

In the viij Pagent was shewed a speche of Julius, as foloweth:

Julius. I, Julius Cesare, sou*er*ayn of knyghthode
And emp*erour* of mortall men, most hegh & myghty,
Welcu*m* you, p*r*inces most benynge & gode;
Of quenes þ*at* byn crowned so high non knowe I.
The same blessyd blossom þ*at* spronge of yo*ur* body,
Shall succede me yn worship, I wyll it be so;
All the landis olyve shall obey hym vn-to.

In the ix Pagent was shewed a speche of Godfride, as foloweth:

Godfride. I, Godfride of Bollayn, kynge of Jerusalem,
Weryng þe Thorny crowne yn worship of Jh*es*u,
Which in battayle have no pere under the sone beme;
Yhit, lady, right lowely I loute vnto yowe.
So excellent a p*r*inces, stedefast & trewe,
Knowe I none c*r*istened as you yn yo*ur* estate;
Jh*es*u for hys m*er*ci incresse & not abate!

[1] Afturward & last the Cundit yn the Crossechepyng was arayed right well with as mony virgyns as myght be þ*er*vppon, and there was made a grete dragon & seynt Marg*ar*et sleyng hym be myracull, & there was shewed full well this speche that foloweth:

[1] leaf 170, back.

S. Margaret. Most notabull p*r*inces of wymen erthle,
Dame M*ar*garete, þe chefe myrth of þis empyre,
Ye be hertely welcu*m* to þis cyte.
To the plesure of yo*ur* highnes I wyll sette my desyre;
Bothe nature & gentilnes doth me require,
Seth we be both of one name, to shewe you kyndnes;
Wherfore by my power ye shall haue no distresse.

I shall p*r*ay to the p*r*ince that is endeles
To socour you w*ith* solas of his high g*r*ace.
He wyll here my peticion þ*at* is doutles,
For I Wrought all my lyff þ*at* his wyll wace;
Therfore, lady, when ye be yn any dredefull cace
Calle on me boldly, þ*er*-of I p*r*ay you,
And trist to me feythefully, I woll do þ*at* may pay yow.

"A pagent to the Queen."

M*emorandum* that the seyd Richard Braytoft, Meyre, resseyued of Tho. Bradmedowe & Joh. Straunge late wardens of the fote of her acounte xxj li. xiij s. ij d. of the

John Wedurby made the pageant, and has 25*s*.

which the seyde Meyre payd to Joh. Wedurby of Leycet*ur* for þe p*r*ovicion and makyng of these p*r*emisses of the welcomyng of oure Sou*er*ayn lady the quene & for his labour Inne & out xxv s.

The king's wine, £8. 0*s*. 4*d*.

Item, the seyde Meyre payde for a Tonne wyne that was yeven to oure sou*er*ayn lorde the kynge viij li. iiij d.

Gilt cups weighing

Item, the seyde Meyre payde for ij gilt Cuppes of the whech on was yeven to oure Sou*er*ayn lady the quene, & ye other is kept for the[1] oure lorde the p*r*ince vn-to his comyng; the which Cuppes weyen xliiij vnc*ias* qu*arterium* & di*midium*, p*r*ice le vnc*ia* iiij s. viij d. Su*m*ma x li. vij s. j d. And ou*er* that the seyde meyre payde for giltyng of the fete of þe seid Cuppes with-Inne iij s. Su*m*ma to*talis*, x li. x s. j d.

44 oz. ½ and ½ a ¼, at 4*s*. 8*d*. per oz., total £10 7*s*. 1*d*. gilding feet 3*s*. total £10 10*s*. 1*d*.

Gratuities 20*s*.

Item, the seyde Meyre yafe be the avyse of his Counsell to diu*er*se p*er*sones of the kynges house xx s.

Rose water 2*s*.

Item, he payde for a glasse of Rose wat*er* that my lord Ryvers[2] had ij s.

[1] redundant.
[2] Father of Queen Elizabeth Woodville. Beheaded at Coventry 1469.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

[1] [V. f. p. held on Monday after Michaelmas, 35 Hen. VI.] Couentre. Oct. 4.

Joh. ffreman, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Ric. Wodde, Ric. Clerk, Rob. Bredmedowe, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Walley, Will. Kemp, Joh. Wyldgryse, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Austen,[2] Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Hen. Atturton, Gui. Wyston, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Alde, Joh. Pynche-Bek, Tho. Gilbert, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Catur, Joh. Ruyton. Jury.

[3] [Rob. Eme, Joh. Day, mercer.] Bailiffs and Sheriffs.

Because þat afor this tyme gret hurte hath ben to diuers people of this Cite & also to straungers be þat that diuers subbaillifs of this Cite afore this han made many vndue returnes of preceptes directed & delyuered vnto theym returnable before the Maire and Ballifes of this Cite; and also the Gayler hurteth dayly the people of this Cite be sufferyng diuers persones condempned in the Courte of þis Cite to goo at large to gret disclaunder of the seid Courte, Wherfore we ordeyn be the auctorite aforeseid that þe Shirrifs & Baillifs of this Cite for the tyme beyng hereafter in the takyng of theire othe be sworen amonge oþer to take suerte of theire subbaillif and officers that the same sub-baillif & officers make due returne of all preceptes delyuered vnto theym, and þat the Gaylour suffere no persone delyuered vnto hym not maynpurnable[4] oute of prison, vppon peyn of forfeytyng their suerteez, and that they make their seid subbaillif & officers euery yere to make the same othe so to do. And yf in cas eny of the seid subbaillif or officers offende to þe contrarie that then þe seid shirrifs duely sue the suerte of their sub-baillif and officers so forfeited in all goodely hast that they can, aftur that they shul be commaunded so to doo be the Maire of þis Cite for the tyme beyng. And we ordeyn that in cas that they or eny of theym do not their due parte therin that then þe seid Maire commytte both the seid shirrifs or eny of theym, & þe seid officers so offendyng, vnto warde,

Sub-bailiffs make undue "returnes of writtes;" the jailer lets the condemned go free; therefore the bailiffs must take an oath to take surety of their sub-bailiff that the practices be not continued; or for any such negligence sheriffs and officers may be committed to prison.

[1] leaf 171, back. Scribe of C type.
[2] "Ric. Austen" deleted. [3] Scribe B. [4] = baillable.

there to abyde till þe party hurte duely be content aftur reason shall requyre in þat behalf.

Maintenance.

Also because þat diuers of the Inhabitantes of þis Cite beyng of froward disposicion dailly begynnen to gete them meyntenaunce of myghty men of straunge shires, & be theire supportacion sewen full vnconsciensly dyuers of their Neighbours in þis Cite dwellyng in forreyn shires be diuers forreyn, feyned & vntrue accions to gret sclaunder of theym-self & of all this Cite, and to theire propre grete enpouerysshyng & gret hurte of theire seid Neyghbours, hit is therfore ordeyned & establisshed be the auctorite of this lete that no maner persone inhabite[1] within þis cite, sue, attaine,[2] nor procede ferþer in eny accion afore this tyme begonne, or to be begonen, ayenst eny other persone or persones inhabitantes in þis Cite of enythyng doon within this Cite, supposyng hit to be doon in other place of which he or they þat so suen myghten haue theire recouere to be sued within þis Cite & shire of Couentre, vppon the peyn to be discomyned oute of þis Cite, to be estraunged from his Crafte that he vseth here, & of all maner Gildes & Bretherhedes of this Cite, and to be reputed & holden as straunge from eny benyvolence of this Cite, as eny other estraunger neuer admytted in þis Cite; and ouer this, to forfet C marc' at euery defalt, the on half þerof to þe Mair of þis Cite for the tyme beyng, & þe other half to the Chaumburleyns of þis Cite to the vse of þis Cite to be apploied. And the seid fforfaiture to be levied & atteyned be accions of dette in þe fourtenyght Courte of þis Cite, to be sued be such procez & execucion as is vsed in accions of dette vsuelly vsed in the seid Courte. And þat no maner oþer persone of this Cite maynteyn, assiste nor comfort eny maner such persone to sue eny such feyned, forreyn suyte, nor to procede furth in eny such suyte nowe attained [under pain of the same fine and forfeiture to be raised as above.]

Because many get maintenance of mighty men to sue their neighbours,

it is ordained "no inhabitant here to sue another out of this Citie,"

on pain of disfranchisement,

of losing gild-membership,

and of 100 marks.

No citizen to support such offender.

Also because þat diuers ffynes of certen persones, indited afore the Justices of þe pease of þis Cite, inconveniently & wrongfully han ben be the shirrifs of the seid

Fines not to be levied

[1] ? inhabitant.

[2] *N. E. D.*, *s. v.* Attame = to begin, undertake (Dr. Bradley).

Cite rered afore þat that þe said ffynes be þe seid Justices han ben sette & lymytted etc., hit is therfore ordeyned be þe auctorite aforeseid that no shirrifs of þe seid Cite fromhensfurth rere, cesse nor appoynte no maner fyne of eny persone to be hereafter indited of enything afore þe Justices of the pease of þe seid Cite, afore þe ffynes of such persones indited be þe seid Justices cessed[1] [or 6s. 8d. fine to the mayor] to be levied & rered be such procez & vnder such forme as is conteyned in þe article made for accompte of officers at þis present lete & wreton ouer þe other side of þis lefe.[2] And because no persones shuld be greued be these ordenaunces vnwarned, we ordeyn þat þes ordenaunces be radde to euery of þe seid officers, vppon þe charge-takyng of their seid offices etc.

before they have been assessed.

[3]Also because that in tyme past and had at this tyme grett hurt hayth byn, and is, to all þis Cite be that that dyuers off the maisters off the Gildes of the holy Trinite, Corporis *Christi*, the wardens of this Cite and Chaumburlens of the same, which be their othes ben accomptable off the issuez and profites off their seid offices comyng, their accomptes at conable, resonable tyme, han not y[e]leden to grette hurt of þis Cite, & ill ensampull to persones succeedyng in þe seid office herafter: Wherffore it is ordeyned & establisshed in this lete and autorite of the same that euery persone and persones, which han ben in eny off the said officies, Nowe byn & shall be hereafter[4] redy to[5] their acompt of the seid Officies, & euery off them, & yelde theym vndur suche fourme as haith ben vsed affore this tyme within this Cite, and that within iij wekes after þat the meire off þis Cite for the tyme beyng that to doo shall commaunde theym, vp the peyne of fforfetyng at euery defaulte x li. the one half theroff to the Meir and other halff theroff to the Shirrefes off the same Cite for þe tyme beyng to be paid. And thei to haue for the seid forfatores seueral Scire facias[6] vpon this mater ayenst

The gild-masters, wardens, chamber-lains,

do not give in their accounts; it is ordered

that they do so within a certain term

or £10 fine,

[1] *v.* Sheriffs' oath, p. 274. [2] See below.
[3] leaf 171. Under the Easter leet with this marginal note. "Hec ordinatio facta fuit ad letam tentam apud Couentriam die Lune proximo post [festum S.] Michaelis anno xxxv°, que est ex altera parte istius folii. [4] MS. "be" repeated here.
[5] ? supply "yelde." [6] *v.* Gloss.

to be sued in the Portman-moot,

suche as offenden, conteynyng[1] the space of xv daies afore the meire & Bailles for the tyme beyng in þe ffourtenyght Court in Couentre to be sued, wiche Sire (*sic*) fac*ias* returned & ser*ued* yf þe par*ties* ayens whom it be sued make defaut then the seid Meire and shirif*es* to haue execuc*ion* off þe seid som*un*es be Fieri fac*ias* or Capias at their ellecion vndur suche fourme & be suche ordir & proces to be disposed & had as is had & vsed vpon rekoueres in accions off det atte Comene lawe, proces off vtlar[2] except, fforseyn allewey that is[3] no leve[4] of eny suche forfaiture be had but be thassent off þe Meire and his Councell with his Brethern for the seid tyme beyng. And that all the churche-wardens off this Cite be redy to accompt[5] ȝerely aftur premunicion made vnto theym be like tyme aforeseid, vp þe peyn of xl s at euery defalt in þe fourme aforeseid to be rered & in like accion & fourme, savyng þe halfe of þe forfaiture þerof to the Chirch & þe oþer half to the Meire etc.

as is usual for recoveries in actions of debt.

The church-wardens are to receive the same treatment. 40*s*. fine.

Jan. 25. ROB. BRADMEDOWE, MAYOR, 1457.

Electors. [6 Election of new officers.]

Ric. Wode, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Clerk, Joh. Wyldegrys, Ric. Dene, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Gryme, Hen. Sircok, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Byram, Ric. Austen, Joh. Garton, Will. Gilbert, Will. Saundres, Joh. Baker, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Straunge, Joh. Catur, Rob. Gloucetur.

[m. Rob. Bradmedowe; cor. Joh. Ruydyng; ch. Joh. Savage, Tho. Cokkes; w. Joh. Ruyton, Tho. Gilbert; mace, Will. Oxton.

J.Ps. Rob. Bradmedowe, Hen. Boteler, rec., Ric Wode, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve.

Key-keepers (1). The same without the recorder.

Key-keepers (2). As (1) together with the wardens.]

[1] = during. [2] = outlawry. [3] redundant.
[4] = levy. [5] Scribe B. [6] leaf 172.

ROYAL MOVEMENTS, VISITS AND PROCESSIONS.

The kyng.

Feb. 11, 1457.

"Kyng Came to Couentry"

from Kenilworth.

[1]Memorand*um* that the Fryday the xj of ffeu*er*yere the yere reynyng of kyng Herry the sixt the xxxv^ti^, That tyme beyng Meyre of the Cite of Couentre Rob. Bradmedowe, and Rob. Eme & Joh. Dey then Shirrefs of the seid Cite, oure seide sou*er*ayn lorde the kyng cam from Kyllyngworth to Couentre to his bedde.

The Quene.

Feb. 12, 1457.

"Queen came to Couentry."

The Seturday then next suyng oure sou*er*ayn lady the Quene cam sodenly from Kyllyngworth to Couentre vn-to her mete, & she cam rydyng by-hynde a man then; and so rode the most part of all her Gentylwemen then, at which tyme she sende vnto the Meyre & his brethern that she wold not that sp*irit*ualte ne the temp*or*alte shold be laburd to mete her then, and so she was not met at that tyme.

The Counsell.

Feb. 15, 1457.

Mar. 14.

"The king and Counsell stayed at Couentry a month." Bishops and lords spiritual,

and temporal.

The xv day of Feu*er*yere then next suyng beganne the Counsell at Couentre, & there endured vnto the xiiij day of Marche then next suyng, at whych Counsell were these lordes both sp*irit*uall & temp*or*all that folowen:— The archebysshop of York,[2] the Bysshop of Wynchestur,[3] the Bysshop of London,[4] the Bysshop of Lincoln,[5] the Bysshop of Norwych,[6] the Bysshop of Exet*ur*,[7] The Bysshop of Wyrcet*ur*,[8] the Bysshop of Chest*ur*,[9] the Bysshop of Herford,[10] The Bysshop of Salesbury,[11] The abbot of Glassonbery,[12] The abbot of seynt Edmondesbery, the abbot of Glouce*tur*, the abbot of Malmesbery, The abbot of Sisset*ur*, Maystur Laurence Bothe, the p*re*vey seal,[13] The Duke of York, The Duke of Exet*ur*.[14] The Duke of Bokyngham, the Duke of Som*ur*set,[15] The Erle

[1] leaf 172, back. [2] Will. Booth.
[3] Will. of Waynflete. [4] Tho. Kemp.
[5] Joh. Chedworth. [6] Wal. Lehart. [7] Geo. Neville.
[8] Joh. Carpenter. [9] Reg. Butler. [10] Joh. Stanbury.
[11] Ric. Beauchamp. [12] Joh. Sellwode.
[13] Afterwards Archbishop of York. [14] Hen. Holland.
[15] Hen. Beaufort.

of Shrowesbery,[1] Tresorer of Englond, The Erle of Stafford,[2] The Erle of Northumberlond,[3] The Erle of Arndell,[4] The Erle of Devonshyre,[5] The lord of seynt Jones,[6] The lord Roos,[7] & The lord Suydeley, Styward of the kynges hous,[8] The lord Stanley,[9] the kynges Chaumburleyn, The lord Beauchamp,[10] the lord Barnes,[11] The lord Grey of the Ruthyn,[12] The lord Lovell,[13] The lord Welles,[14] The lord Wylloughby[15] and The Baron of Dudley.[16] And the seid xiiij day of Marche the kyng remeved from Couentre to Kelyngworth; at which tyme the seide Meyre & his brethern with a Godely feliship of the seid Cite that plesyd oure seid sou*er*ayn lord right well attended vppon his hyghnes & brought him to the newe Crosse vppon the heth at the vtt*er* syde of theyre f*r*aunchice, & there toke their leve of oure seid sou*er*ayn lord havyng right grete thank.

Mar. 14 the king removes to Kenilworth,

accompanied by the citizens to the bounds of the franchise.

[17] *The Quene.*

Mar. 16, 1457. The queen goes to Coleshill,

accompanied by the mayor and council,

with the same ceremony as the king was shown,

The Wennesday the xvj day of Marche then next suyng remeved the Quene from Couentre to Colshull.[18] And the Meyre and his Brethern with a feyre felyship of the Comens brought her on gate tyll that she was passed the f*r*aunchice. At which tyme the Meyre Rode next before her with a Mase yn his hande and the Shirrefs with here Whyte yardes next before the Meyre like as they before tyme did before the kyng, savyng the kynges swerd was next to hym. And so they did neu*er* before the Quene tyll then, for they bere before that tyme alwey theire s*er*uau*n*tes mases before the Quene at her comynges at which doyng here Offic*er*s groged, seyng the Quene owed

[1] Joh. Talbot, son of "Le Roi Talabot."
[2] Grandson of Henry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham.
[3] Henry Percy. [4] Will. Fitz-Alan.
[5] Tho. Courtenay.
[6] ? Rob. Botyle, Prior of St. John's, Clerkenwell.
[7] Tho. Roos, attainted, 1461.
[8] Present at S. Alban's, May 22, 1455. [9] Tho. Stanley.
[10] Joh. Beauchamp. [11] Joh. Bourchier.
[12] Edmund Grey. [13] Joh. Lovel.
[14] Leo Welles, attainted, 1461. [15] Ric. Welles.
[16] Joh. Sutton. At this Council York was re-appointed lord lieutenant of Ireland.
[17] leaf 173.
[18] The Mountforts of Coleshill were strong Lancastrians.

to be met yn like fourme as the kyng shold. Which yn dede as ys seide owe to be so except here displeser wold be eschewed.

for fear of her displeasure.

Memorand*um* that oon Whitsonday then next suyng oure seid soue*er*eyn lord, and oure soue*er*ayn lady, the Quene, went bothe a p*ro*cession at Couentre crowned, and the Circuyte of the p*ro*cession was Thorowe be the Welyard ynto seynt Myghel Chirche-yarde, & so vp be the Belfrey & yn agayn at the Mynster Durre that Openeth ynto the Trynite chircheyarde. At which tyme ther went of the sp*irit*ualte a p*ro*cession, The Bysshop of Herford, Which seid the high masse, The Prio*ur* of Couentre with his Covent, The Dene of the kynges Chapell with alle the hole Chapell; and the Duke of Buk[yngham] folowed next to the kyng on his right hande, and the lord Beaumont[1] bere the kynges Treyne. The Erle of Stafford bere his Cap of astate, & Sir John Tunstall[2] his swerde; & there folowed mony lordes moo ordinatly aft*ur* theyre astates yn her Robes and the grete Officers of housold yn theyre aray acustumed. And then next folowed our seid soue*er*ayn lady, & the Duches of Buk[yngham] bere here Treyne, & there folowed then mony moo ladyes yn her mantels, surcotes & other app*ar*eyll to theyre astates acustumed. Afore which p*ro*cession the Meyre & his Brethern laburd to c*er*teyn lordes of our seid soue*er*ayn lordes Counsell, because they were lerned that hit liked oure soue*er*ayn lorde that he and our soue*er*ayn lady the quene that day wold goo a p*ro*cession themselff, to knowe whed*ur* ther shold be any other p*ro*cession then that, as had byn that day afore-tyme solemply kept be the pepull of the Cite, or elles they to wayte vppon his highnes yn the tyme of that p*ro*cession, & to haue non other but only that; and then the kyng vnderstondyng the seid labo*ur* willed that the Meyre & his brethern with the Co*m*inalte shold keep theyre owen p*ro*cession that day as they had

June 5.

"Procession on Whit-Sunday," in which the king, queen,

high officials,

lords,

and ladies join;

the commonalty having one apart.

[1] Joh. Beaumont.

[2] A Sir Ric. Tunstall of Thurland Castle, Lancs., grandfather of Cuthbert, Bishop of Durham, is said to have lost his estate by attainder in 1460.

vsed before-tyme yn his absence, & not to attende vppon his hyghnes, but take theyre vsuell disposicion acustumed yn the Cite to the worship of God, which was so don.

The Quene.

May 31.

Coming of the "Queen from Kenellworth to Couentry" to see the pageants.

On [1] Corpo*r*is· *Chris*ti yeven at nyght then next suyng came the quene from Kelyngworth to Coventre; at which tyme she wold not be met, but came p*re*uely to se the play there on the morowe; and she sygh[2] then alle the Pagentes pleyde save Domes-day,[3] which myght not be pleyde for lak of day. And she was loged at Richard Wodes the Groc*er*, where Ric. Sharp some-tyme dwelled,[4] and there all the pleys were furst pleyde. At which tyme the Meyre and his brethern send vnto her a p*re*sent which was sich as here suyth: That is to wit, ccc payne-maynes,[5] a pipe of Rede wyne, a dosyn Capons of haut grece,[6] a dosyn of grete fat Pykes, a grete panyer full of Pescodes and another panyer full of pipyns and Orynges and ij Cofyns of Counfetys and a pot of grene Gynger. And there were with her then these lordes and ladyes that here folowen: That is to sey, the Duke of Bukkyng-ham and my lady his Wyff and all ther Childern, the lord Reve*r*s and my lady hys Wyf, the lady of Shrowes-bery the Elder,[7] and the lady of Shrowesbery the yonger, with other mony moo lordes and ladyes. And the Friday then next suyng she remeved to Colshull to her mete and so to Eculsale[8] to the Prynce; at which tyme the seid Meire and his brethern with right a Good feliship of the seid cite, which plesid her highnes right well, brought her to the vtmast syde of theyre f*r*aunchice, where hit plesyd her to gyff them grete thank bothe for theyre p*re*sent and theyre gentyll attendaunce.

She "re-moueth to Eclehill."

[1] leaf 173, back.

[2] = saw (O.E. *seah*, pret. sing. which > sigh, as hēah > high etc.); pl. *sawon*, whence our preterite. This is an interesting survival (Mr. Stevenson).

[3] The drapers' pageant. See Craig, *Corpus Christi Plays*, (E.E.T.S.) 98–102, and Sharp, *Cov. Mysteries*, 66–77, for a list of characters in this pageant. Domesday is the subject of one of the miserere seats in the drapers' chapel in S. Michael's.

[4] In Earl Street.

[5] Fine white bread, fr. *panis dominicus*, lord's bread.

[6] = fat, fit for killing.

[7] The widow of the great Talbot.

[8] Eccleshall, Staffordshire.

The kyng.

The Tuesday the xvj day of August then next suyng came the kyng from Kelyngworth to Couentre to dyner; at which time the meyre & his brethern with right a feyre feliship of the comens what[1] on horsbak & on fote met hym, wherwith he was gretly plesyd, & yaff the meyre & his brethern & alle the comens be his owen mouthe rehersed grete thanke, & the same day he rode agayn to Kelyngworth to his bed. Aug. 16. "King dined at Couentry."

The kyng and the quene. Aug. 31.

The Wennesday the last day of August the kyng cam from Kelyngworth to Couentre to dyner be-twene x & xj of the Clok & the quene be-twene v & vj at aftur̃non the same day & there they abode bothe vnto the ffryday then next aftur̃; the which day the quene remeved a-bowte x of the belle, & rode vnto Sharneford[2] vn-to her mete, & so to Leycetur̃ to here bed toward the forest of Rokyngham[3] for to hunt. And the kyng remeved abowte ij of the Clok at aftur̃-non the same day & rode vnto Rowell[4] to his bed toward Norhampton. "King and Queen dined at Couentry;" and depart their several ways, towards Rockingham, and Northampton.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

[5] ¶ [V. f. p. before Rob. Bradmedaue, m., Rob. Eme, Joh. Deye, b., on Thursday after Easter, 35 Hen. VI.] Couentre. Apr. 21.

Ric. Wode, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytofte, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Clerk, Joh. Walgrave, Joh. Whalley, Will. Pere, Ric. Deane, Geru. Cole, Will. Kemp, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Austeyn, Hen. Atterton, Guy Whiston, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Dyvet, Hen. Sircok, Will. Saunders, Joh. Garton, Will. Gilbert, Joh. Dirram [?] Byram, Tho. Bradmedaue. Jury.

[1] = some, a certaine number.
[2] Four and a half miles S.E. of Hinckley, Leic., on the road between Coventry and Leicester.
[3] In Northamptonshire.
[4] Rothwell, Northants., 4 miles N.W. of Kettering.
[5] leaf 174, back. Scribe B. I have sacrificed strict chronology to subject matter, as there were no enactments in this leet.

Joh. Colyns and Rob. Topclyff, attorneys in Coventry court, have been sworn to plead true pleas and not false nor foreign ones, and without unlawful delays.

Qui annu*n*ttiaverunt Joh. Colyns & Rob. Topclyff attorn*atos* in Cur*ia* d*omi*ni R*egis* ville de Couentr*e*. Ita q*uo*d ipsi Jurat*i* sunt (*sic*) ad plac*i*tand*um* vera pl*a*cita & non falsa nec forinseca, & sine dilac*ioni*b*us* illicit*is*. Et q*uo*d (?) pr*o*lat . . . [illeg.] p*er* d*imidium* anni etc.

Couentre. Oct. 1.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 36 Hen. VI.]

Jury.

Ric. Wode, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Clerk, Joh. Wilgrise, Joh. Whalley, Hen. Sircok, Ric. Boyes, Will. Pere, Geru. Cole, Will. Kemp, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Austen, Joh. Byram, Will. Saunders, Hen. Atterton, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Garton, Will. Gilbert, Tho. Bradmedaue, Joh. Ruyton, drap*er*.

Bailiffs and Sheriffs.

[Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage.]

Orders of Leet. "Couentry free at Southampton."

The Inh*ab*itau*n*tes of Couentr*e* be discharged in Southampton of Toll & op*er* Customez as appereth be bill put vp at þis lete be on Will. Horseley, dyer, which desired be þe seid bill contr*ibuc*i*on* to be had for atteynyng & laboryng of þe seid discharge so had; q*uid* e*st* . . .

"Curriers to be out of the Citee."

In eschewyng ffir*e* hit is ordeyned be auctorite of þis lete þ*at* no Curri*our* of þis Cite, nor non op*er* p*er*sone from þe fest of All Halowes next comyng, curre no man*er* ledder within þe walles of þis Cite, but þ*at* they ordeyn theym place*s* to curre their ledder w*ith*oute þe walles as was of olde tyme vsed, vppon the peyn to forfet at eu*er*y def*alt* xx s. [half to the mayor and half to the wardens, to be raised as other forfeitures are.]

Masters of Crafts forbidden to sue members of their crafts in courts spiritual.

Also be-cause gret discord daily fawleth in þis Cite amonge*s* the people of diu*ers* Craft*es* be-cause þ*at* diu*ers* maist*ers* of Craft*es* suen in sp*irit*uell Court diu*ers* people of their Craft, affermyng þ*at* they haue broken their othes made in brekyng diu*ers* thier rules & ordena*un*ce*s*, which rules ofte tymes be vnresonable and the punysshement of þe seid maistirs ou*er* excesse; which yf hit contynued be liklyhode wold cause moche people to

voide oute of þis Citie; wherfore it is ordeyned be the auctorite of þis lete that no maister of Craft of þis Cite frohensfurth take nor cause to be taken eny maner suyte, cause, or quarell, in eny Courte spirituell, ayenst eny persone of their Craftes be-cause of eny disobeying or non-performyng of eny the rules or ordenauncez of their Craftes vnto þe tyme þe mair for the tyme beying haue herd the matier & variaunce betwixt þe seid master & persone, & haue licensed þe suyt to be had yf þe partie refuse reason, [or 40 s. fine from every disobedient master, half to the mayor and half to the wardens of the craft.]

Also be-cause þat diuers shirrifs of þis Cite nowe late haue gretly hurte & ouercharged diuers persones of þis Cite outlawed, somune, sued be writt, be ouer excesse takyng of theym to be fauored, which yf such dealyng contynued wold hurt þis Cite diuersly in discoragyng people to resorte hider, & to abide her; wherfor it is ordeyned be þe auctorite of þis lete þat no shirrif of þis Cite frohensfurth take of eny person reseant in þis Cite, beyng outlawed or weyued,[1] for fyne to be eased for a hole 3er but xl d. yf he so outlawed be vnder the degre of a shirrif & if he be of þat degre but a noble, & yf he be of þe degre of a mair then but xiij s. iiij d. atte most [or £10 fine from every sheriff, half to the mayor and half to the wardens]. And þat the shirrifs of þis Citie fromhens-furth fauour all maner persones of þis Citie in makyng their returnes as ferre as they goodely may savyng theym self; and that they, at euery difficultuous & chargeable execucion of eny writte fromhensfurth to be delyuered hem touchyng eny maner honest persone of þis Cite and fraunches þerof, [take] counceill with the Maire of þis Cite & his Brethern afor they procede to eny execucion therin, vp *on* the seyd peyn at euery defalt. And ferther it is ordeyned that this ordenaunce be parcell of þe shirrifs othe to be made at all tyme frohensfurth within þis Citie.[2]

"Shireffes"

take excessive douceurs from outlaws, etc.

They are forbidden to take more than 40*d.* or 6*s.* 8*d.*

or 13*s.* 4*d.*

and are enjoined to favour persons of the city;

and take counsel of the mayor in difficulty.

[1] Term applied to the punishment of women corresponding to outlawry in the case of men.

[2] This is an outcome of Lancastrian confiscations. See also the Sheriffs' oath, p. 273-4.

THE COMMISSION FOR SOLDIERS.

"Comision" received

[1] Hit is to haue yn mynde that the xxxvj yere of the reign of Kyng Herry the sixt at Couentre was deliuered to Rob. Bradmedowe then beyng Meyre of the Cite of Couentre & other Commissioners a Commission accordyng

according to the Reading parliament Mar. 6, 1453.

to an acte made yn Parlyament begonen at Redyng the vj day of Marche the xxxj yere of oure seid Souerayn lorde for to execute and put in vre the articles comprehended yn the seid Commission. Accordyng to which Commission

Jan. 16, 1457 or 1458 the commissioners set to work.

the seid Commissioners, the Monday the xvj day of January next aftur the resseyte of the seid Commission, did procede & labour effectually bothe yn the seid Cite, and in alle the hamels of the shyre of the seid Cite, as hit apereth yn xxvij Scrowes & bylles beyng with the seid Commission yn a bagg vnder the name of the seid Rob. Bradmedowe, Meyre, deliuered vn-to Seynt Mary halle there as Meyres Bagges lyen to be kept. The which maters were neuer (? word omitted) as myche as ther were non certefied yn other place yn the lond.[2]

GUY WYSTON, MAYOR, 1458.

Jan. 25.

[3] [Election of officers.]

Jury.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode, Ric. Clerk, Joh. Wyldegrice, Joh. Byram, Ric. Austen, Will. Dawe passonger, Joh. Whalley, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Garton, Will. Gilbert, Rob. Eme, Joh. Dey, Ric. Alde, Joh. Catur, Joh. Baker, Jon. Honyburn.

Officers.

[m. Guy Wyston; cor. Joh. Ruydyng; ch. Joh. Gauge, Will. Horsley, deyster; w. Tho. Inggram, Will. Crampe; mace, Will. Oxton.

J.Ps.

Guy Wyston, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Ric. Braytoft, M. G. S. T., Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft.

[1] leaf 174.

[2] This probably refers to the grant made by this Lancastrian parliament of 20,000 archers to be raised at the cost of the shire and boroughs for six months' service, Ramsey, ii. 161. Coventry was to furnish 76 of these. *Ib.* 175. The levy was not then raised; but evidently the Lancastrian party wished subsequently to put it into execution.

[3] leaf 175.

Guy Wyston, m., Ric. Braytoft, M. G. S. T., Joh.[1] — Key-keepers (1).
Guy Wyston, m., Ric. Braytoft, M. G. S. T.[1]] — Key-keepers (2).

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

[2][V. f. p. held before Guy Wiston, m., Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage, b., Saturday after Easter, 36 Hen. VI.] — "Couentre." Apr. 8.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ric. Wodde, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Clerk, Ed. Brogreve, Joh. Walley, Will. Kempe, Tho. Warmyngton, Will. Pere, Ric. Austen, Geru. Cole, Joh. Garton, Will. Gilbert, Will. Saunders, Rob. Eme, Ric. Aldee, Joh. Gauge, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wilgrisse, Hen. Atturton, Tho. Gilbert, Joh. Ruyton, Ric. Dyvet. — 24 Jurors.

[3][V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 37 Hen. VI.] — "Couentre." Oct. 7.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wodde, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wildegris, Hen. Sircok, Ger. Cole, Joh. Walley, Will. Kempe, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Bryan, Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Garton, Rob. Eme, Tho. Ingram, Will. Horsley, Joh. Ruyton. — 24 Jurors.

[Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Pynchebek.] — Bailiffs and Sheriffs.

WILL. KEMPE, MAYOR, 1459.

[4][Election of officers.] — Jan. 25.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Austen, Rob. Eme, Joh. Onley, Joh. Gryme, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Dyvet, Will. Saunders, Joh. Garton, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage, Ric. Alde, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Savage, Tho. Cokkes, Joh. Catur. — 24 electors.

[m. Will. Kempe; cor. Joh. Ruydyng; ch. Rob. Atterton, Joh. Baylle, Gurdeler; w. Will. Stafford, Joh. Bette; mace, Will. Oxton.

Will. Kempe, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Ric. Braytoft, — J. Ps.

[1] rest blank: probably the rest of the J.Ps. were included.
[2] leaf 175, back. [3] leaf 176. [4] leaf 178.

M. G. S. T., Joh. Walg*rave*, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft.

Key-keepers (1). The same, except the recorder and Will. Braytoft.

Key-keepers (2). Will. Kempe, m., etc.[1].

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

"Couentre." Mar. 31. [2][V. f. p. before Will. Kempe, m., Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Pynchebek, b., on Saturday after Easter, 37 Hen. VI.]

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walg*raue*, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Ric. Boys, Ric. Wodde, Rob. Bradmedowe, Gui. Wyston, Joh. Wylgreys, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Dyvet, Ric. Austen, Will. Saunders, Tho. Warmyngton, Ger. Cole, Joh. Garton, Rob. Eme, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage, Joh. Ruyton, Drap*er*, Joh. Savage, Joh. Catur, Joh. Bette.

Orders of Leet. [3]Hit is ordeyned be auctorite of þis lete that no man

"Sweeping streets." swepe the Co*m*ien strete, but yf he[4] avoyded furthwith [or 2 d. fine to be levied by the sheriffs.]

Fish-stalls. [Former ordinances concerning "ffysshebord*es*" in Crosscheaping to be holden "ferme & stable."] No ffysshemong*er* [to] haue his borde standyng forth at large in the strete for to let Cart, hors or man, but þ*at* ther be a resonable space left, the bred of a yarde betwixt their housez & their bord*es* to go betwen [or 6 s. 8 d. fine at every default.]

"Cowpers, Carpenters and pinners a fellowship." At this lete þe Craft of Coup*er*s wer ioyned & associat vnto þe Craft*es* of Carpent*er*s & pynners to be contributory frohensfurth with theym in such charg*es* as they ȝerely ber for the worship of þis Cite.

Oct. 2. [5][V. f. p. held on Tuesday after Michaelmas, 38 Hen. VI.]

24 Jurors. Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walg*raue*, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wodde, Rob. Bradmedowe, Gui. Wyston, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Austen, Joh. Byram, Will. Pere, Tho. Warmyngton, Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Garton, Rob. Eme, Joh.

[1] No doubt the same in both cases, though the MS. omits names.
[2] leaf 178, back. [3] Scribe B.
[4] Some word omitted. [5] leaf 179.

Hadley, Joh. Illage, Ric. Alde, Joh. Baille, Girdeler, Will. Stafford. Bailiffs and Sheriffs.

[Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge.]

Orders of leet.

They ordain that every mender of querns shall take for his labour 4 d. a day with food and no more.

Item, volunt & ordinant quod quilibet beter de Quyrnes[1] capiat per diem pro labore suo iiij d. cum cibo & non plus etc.

Hit was ordeyned þat an honest man in euery ward shuld be assigned be þe Meir to go with þe wayte*s* to gader thier wage*s* quarterly etc. at the petic*i*on of þe wate*s* then beying. The Waits.

Hit was also ordeyned þat Will. Betley shuld clense his diches lying aboute þe weye ledyng fro Chelismore grene vnto Sponbrige be þe fest of all Halowes then next folowyng, vppon þe peyn of xx s. The ditches.

JOHN WYLDEGRYS, MAYOR, 1460.

[2][Election of officers.]

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe, Guy Wyston, Joh. Gryme, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Pynchebek, Tho. Warmyngton, Ric. Austen, Joh. Byram, Ric. Dyvet, Will. Saunders, Joh. Garton, Rob. Eme, Joh. Catur, Tho. Ingram, Ric. Alde, Tho. Cokkes. Jan. 25.

[m. Joh. Wyldegrys; cor. Joh. Ruydyng; ch. Will. Dawe; Joh. Mores; w. Will. Stafford, Joh. Bette; mace, Will. Atkynson (The electors) will and grant that if the mayor-elect and the sheriffs remove Joh. Okeley from his office, then they will and grant that the said John henceforward have the dwelling he dwelleth in without paying rent or ought else, and that he have also ten shillings yearly to be paid by the wardens during his life. Officers. Joh. Okeley's pension.

Joh. Wyldegrys, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Ric. Braytoft, M. G. S. T., Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys. J. Ps.

The same except the recorder. Key-keepers (1).

Joh. Wyldegrys, m., etc.[3] Key-keepers (2).

[1] Querns would require refacing; quern-picker occurs as a designation of a man's trade (Dr. Bradley).

[2] leaf 180. [3] The rest blank in MS.

Feb. 5, 1460.

King's commission of array,

delayed 14 days.

Assistance to be given against the attainted Yorkists.

[1]Memorand*um* that the Wennesday next aft*ur* Candelmas day yn the yere of kyng Herry the sixt xxxviij[ti] John Wyldegrys, then beyng Meyre of the Cite of Couentre, resseyued a Com*m*ission which was direct to his *pre*decessour, William Kempe, late Meyre of the seid Cite, & to the shirrefs that yette arn, & be them resseyued a xiiij dayes & more a-for the seid Wennesday; be vertu of which the seid late Meyre & the shirrefs were co*m*maunded, among other articles yn the seid co*m*mission specified, to assigne & taxe what noumber of abull men myght be had out of the seid Cite at the costes of the same Cite to attende vppon oure Sou*er*ayn lordes p*er*son when & where they be co*m*maunded for his assistens ayenst Ric. late Duke of York, Edward late yorle of the Marches, Ric. late yorle of Warrewyk, Ric. late yorle of Salysbery, & Edmond late yorle of Rutland,[2] as they yn the co*m*missyon were namyd, yn cas they wold p*re*sume to entyr the lande agayn.

My lord of Buckingham at the Angel,

consulted on the matter.

M*emoran*d*um* that the seid Wennesday the seid John Wyldegrys, Meyre, be the avyse of his counsell, that is to sey of Ric. Braytoft, John Walg*r*aue, Edmond Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft & other, Went vn-to my lord of Bukkyngh*a*m vn-to the Angell where he was then logged —at which tyme he came from the kyng from the Counsell at Norhampton—to haue the avyse of his lordship of his demeane yn the seid Co*m*mission be-cause his resseyt þ*er*of was so late, yf any p*er*ill or hurt myght growe vn-to the Cite for the late c*er*tificat þ*er*of, etc.

My lord's present.

Memorand*um* eciam that the seid Wennesday my seid lord had yeven hym a p*re*sent ij dosyn & di*m*. of bred, ij pykes, ij Tenches, vj capons, a peacok & a pehenne, etc.

[Feb. 9.

[The mayor at the request of J. Rogers, Esq.,

Item ix[no] die ffebruar*ii* anno H. vj. xxxviij Joh. Wyldegrys tu*n*c Maior Ciuitatis Couentr*ie* ad specialem Rogat*um* cuiusdam Joh. Rogers, armiger*i*, apponi fecit Sigillu*m* Officii

[1] leaf 180, back.

[2] All these Yorkist nobles were attainted at the Parliamentum Diabolicum held at Coventry, 1459.

seals with the seal of the mayoralty a bond in which the same John is bound to H. duke of Buckingham in 500 marks of legal money, because the said John's seal is unknown to many, in better testimony that the said writing is the deed of the aforesaid John. The condition of which deed fully appears in the endorsement.]

Maiorat*us* Ciuitatis *predicte* cuidam scripto obligatorio, in quo idem Joh. Rogers tenet[ur] Humfrido Duci Buk[inghamie][1] in quingentis marcis legal*is* monete Angl*ie*, quia Sigillu*m* eiusdem Joh*ann*is Rogers pluribus est incognitu*m* etc., in majus testimoniu*m* predicti scripti essendi *facti predicti* Joh*ann*is Rogers etc., cui*us* quidem script*i* condicio in indorsamento eiusdem plene aparet etc.

[2]By the kyng. Feb. 8.

Trusty and welbeloued, We grete you wel; and forasmuche as credible reporte is made vn-to vs howe diuers of thinhabitantes of oure Cite of Couentre haue, sithe the tyme of oure dep*ar*tyng from thens, vsed & had right vnfittyng langage ayenst oure estate and personne and in fauouring our sup*er*sticious (*sic*) traitours and rebelles nowe late in oure parlement there attaincted, wherby grete com*m*ocions & murmur ben like to folowe to the grete disturba*u*nce of oure feithfull true subgett*es* onlesse that punisshement & remedie for the redresse therof the rather be had, we therfore, and for the confidence that we haue had yn you and that ye attende to ministre vs non other cause to haue any opinion yn you but so to continue considering how good and gracious lord we haue ben vn-to you, desir and wol and also charge you diligently tenquer & make serche among the seid inhabitant*is* of suche vnfittyng langage as is aboue-seid, and do theym to be emprysoned & punisshed accordyng to their demerit*is* and in example of other of semblable condicion, as ye desire to do that shall plaise vs. Yeuen vndre oure signet at oure Town of Norhampton the viij day of ffeu*er*rere.

The king complains of disaffection; which is to be inquired into, and the offenders punished.

[Feb. 20, 1460. [3]Memorand*um* quod xx^mo^ die ffebruar*ii* anno H. vj xxxviij^o^ Isti sequent*es* congregat*i* fuer*unt* in aula

[The following were gathered together in S. Mary's Hall to

[1] Possibly the last time Buckingham transacted affairs at Coventry. He with other Lancastrian lords, Beaumont, Shrewsbury and Egremont, was killed at Northampton, July 10, 1460.

[2] leaf 181. [3] leaf 181, back.

appoint the number of men, who by virtue of the commission sent to the mayor

B. Marie etc., ad punctand*um* nume*rum* hom*inum* p*ro* Ciuitate Couentr*ie*, virtute cuiusdam com*missionis* Maiori et vic*ecomitibus* eiusd*em* Ciuitatis direct*e*, exequende ad attendendu*m* sup*er* dom*ino* Rege quandocumq*ue* vocant*ur* ad recistend*um* Ric*ardum* nup*er* Ducem Ebor*aci* & al*ios* de reingredeundo regnu*m* Angl*ie* etc.

are to attend on the king when they are called, to prevent Richard, late Duke of York, and others from re-entering the kingdom.]

36 councillors

Joh. Wyldgrys, Maior, Hen. Boteler, Recordator, Ric. Braytoft, magist*er* Gilde etc., Joh. Walg*raue*, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Rob. Bradmedowe, Gui. Wyston, Will. Kempe, Joh. Pynchebek, Joh. Ruyton,[1] Joh. Gauge,[1] Joh. Whalley, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Garton, Tho. Bradmedowe, Ric. Dyvet, Rob. Eme, Simon Birches, Will. Pere, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmyngton, Will. Gilbert, Gerv. Cole, Will. Dawe,[2] Joh. Mores,[2] Will. Stafford,[3] Joh. Bet,[3] Joh. Cat*ur*, Joh. Straunge, Ric. Alde, Joh. Savage, Tho. Ingram, Will. Horsley.

fix that 40 men be sent at the city's cost.

Qui quid*em* reu*e*rendi sup*ra* n*omin*ati limitauer*unt* quod xl abil*es* hom*ines* b*ene* arraiat*i* mittent*ur* in ill*o* casu ad Custus Civitatis q*uando* etc.

ATTAINDER OF YORKISTS.

[4][On Tuesday Mar. 18 the mayor

Memorand*um* eciam q*uo*d die Martis xviij die [mensis] Marcii anno H*en.* vj. xxxviij° p*redict*us Maior rec*epit* quandam Com*mis*sionem exeunt*em* de Scacc*ario* d*omi*ni Regis apud Westm[ynstre] eid*em* Maiori & vic*ecomitibus* ac Henr*ico* Boteler de ead*em* Ciuitate direct*am* ad inquirend*um*, tam p*er* sacra*ment*u*m* p*ro*bor*um* & legalium hom*inum* Ciuitatis p*redict*e q*uam* om*nib*us aliis viis, mediis & modis quib*us* p*ro* comodo (*sic*) d*omi*ni Regis

received a commission from the Exchequer, directed to the mayor, sheriffs and recorder,

to enquire, as well by oath of honest and lawful citizens, as by such other ways and means as shall seem best for the king's

[1] Bracketed together as "Vic*ecomites*."
[2] Bracketed as chamberlains.
[3] As wardens.
[4] leaf 181.

service, concerning all honours, castles, lordships, manors, lands, tenements, rents, reversions, annuities, offices, fees, advowsons, fee-farms, hereditaments and other possessions, which Ric. late Duke of York, Ed. late Earl of March, Ric. late Earl of Warwick,

Ric. late Earl of Salisbury, Ed. late Earl of Rutland, Joh. Clynton late Lord Clynton, and others named in the commission, or any one of them, or any other, held to their use or the use of any of them on Friday the eve of S. Edward's Translation (Oct. 12) last past, or at any time since; and of all goods and chattels held to their use or the use of any one of them on Nov. 20 last past within the city's liberties. And all and singular of these, in the hands of whomsoever they may be, shall be taken and seized into the king's hands, and also the goods and chattels aforesaid shall be appraised at their true value.

melius fore videritis,[1] de omnibus honoribus, Castris, dominiis, Maneriis, terris, tenementis, redditibus, reuersionibus, annuitatibus, Officiis, feodis, aduocacionibus, feodi firmis, hereditamentis ac aliis possessionibus, que Ricardus nuper Dux Eboraci, Edwardus nuper Comes Marchie, Ricardus, nuper Comes Warrewyk, Ricardus nuper Comes Sarum, Edmundus nuper Comes Rutlandie, Johannes Clynton nuper dominus Clynton, & alii in dicta Commissione nominati, seu eorum aliquis aut aliquis alius, ad eorum vsum vel ad vsum alicuius eorundem die Veneris in vigilia translacionis S. Edwardi [Regis] & Confessoris vltimo preterita seu aliquo tempore postea habuerunt seu habuit, ac de Omnibus bonis & Catallis que ipsi seu eorum aliquis aut aliquis alius ad eorum vsum vicesimo die Nouembris vltimo preterito seu postea habuerunt infra libertatem Ciuitatis predicte. Et ad omnia & singula in quorumcumque manibus existant in manus domini Regis capienda & seisienda, necnon bona & catalla predicta iuxta verum valorem eorundem aprecianda etc.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

"Couentre." Apr. 19.

[2][V. f. p. held before Joh. Wilgris, m., Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 38 Hen. VI.]

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgraue, Ed. Brogreve, Will. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe,

[1] The use of the 2nd pers. here instead of the 3rd denotes a verbatim copy of the commission. [2] leaf 182.

Gui. Whiston, Will. Kemp, Joh. Pynchebek, Joh. Whalley, Gerv. Cole, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Garton, Will. Saunders, Will. Gilbert, Rob. Eme, Joh. Hadley, Tho. Bradmedowe, Will. Stafford, Joh. Catur, Ric. Austen, Ric. Alde.

Orders of Leet. Fish and flesh.

At þis lete is ordeyned that no man*er* man shuld frohensfurth cutte stokfysshe ne saltfyshe vppon such borde as he cutte fflesh þe weke befor*e*, vppon peyn of xl d. at eu*ery* def*alt*.

Pageants.

Also hit is ordeyned þ*at* eu*ery* Craft þ*at* hath pagant to pley In, that þe pagant be made redy & brought furth to pley, vppon þe peyn of C s. to be reased of iiij maistirs of the Craft*es* þ*at* so offend.

"Curriers."

Also they ordeyn that all the Curriou*rs* of this Cite shall frohensfurth vse & ex*er*cise their Crafte of Currying without the walles at þe townes yende, vppon þe peyn who doth þe Contrarie to lese at eu*ery* def*alt* xx s.

Couentre. Oct. 2.

[1] [V. f. p. held on Thursday after Michaelmas, 39 Hen. VI.]

Jury.

Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgrave, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe, Gui. Whiston, Will. Kemp, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Austen, Joh. Byram, Joh. Garton, Rob. Eme, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage, Tho. Bradmedowe, Will. Stafford, Will. Dawe, Joh. Mores, Joh. Catur, Joh. Str*au*nge.

Bailiffs and Sheriffs.

[Ric. Alde, Joh. Savage.]

"Ag*ain*st washing at Cunduits."

[No person to "wasshe" at the cunduit, or 2 d. fine.]

EDM. BROGREVE, MAYOR, 1461.

Jan. 25.

[2] [Election of new officers.]

24 electors.

Rob. Bradmedowe, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walg*r*ave, Ric. Boyes, Joh. ffreman, Guy Wyston, Joh. Pynchebek, Joh. Whalley, Ric. Austen, Joh. Byram, Rob. Eme, Joh. Gauge, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Garton, Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage, Joh. Cat*ur*, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Bayle, Rob. Onley, Will. Horsley, Tho. Cokkes.

Officers.

[m. Edm. Brogreve; cor. Joh. Ruydyng; ch. Rad.

[1] leaf 182, back. [2] leaf 184.

Caldebek, Tho. Hobbes; w. Will. Stafford, Thos. Raves; mace, Will. Atkynson.

Ed. Brogreve m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Rob. Bradmedowe, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Wode, Ric. Boys. J. Ps.

Ed. Brogreve m.[1]] Key-keepers.

YORK, AND LANCASTER.

[2] *By the Prynce.*

Peremptory letter (undated) from the Prince of Wales enjoining obedience to Lancastrian magnates.

We wolle and yn the most straytest wyse charge you that yn suche thynges as oure right trusty and Welbeloued knyghtes Sir Edmond Mountfort,[3] my lord keruer, and Sir Herry Everyngham and oure trusty & welbeloued Squiar, William Elton,[4] shall do be my lordes commaundement and oures with-ynne oure Cite of Couentre ye be vnto theym assistent, helpyng & favourable yn all that ye can & may; and fayleth not so to do as ye wolle answere to my lord & to vs at your perille.

£100 for Yorkist soldiers.

[5] Be hit to haue in mynde that these persones folowyng were Collectours of the C li. which was gedered for the men that went with the Erle of Marche[6] vp to London aftur the losyng of the feld at seynt Albons,[7] for the which C li. euery warde was extentyd & leyde[8] as here apereth. Feb. 17.

[*Gosfordstrete:* Tho. Straunge, Joh. Stevons, Joh. Grove, Rob. Blyburgh. £11. 12s. 0d.

Crossechepyng: Tho. ffourth, Tho. Wolff, Joh. ffeyreman, Wal. Bocher. £14. 17s. 1d.

Bysshopstrete: Will. Horsley, Ric. Potell, Tho. Parbronde, Joh. Arrowe. £11. 6s. 0d.

[1] Blank in MS., evidently the same names as those of the J.Ps. should follow.

[2] leaf 187a. The Yorkists were defeated, and York killed at Wakefield, Dec. 30, 1460. After that Margaret and Prince Edward with help from Scotland, bought at the price of the cession of Berwick, entered England and advanced plundering to St. Albans, where (Feb. 17) they defeated the Yorkists under Warwick.

[3] Of Coleshill. He was carver to Henry VI, and served as sheriff 38 Hen. VI, and also as commissioner for raising troops. Dugd. 717. I am not sure where this letter belongs chronologically.

[4] M.P. for Coventry at the parliament of 1452.

[5] leaf 185. [6] Afterwards Edward IV.

[7] The subsequent plundering by Margaret's troops alienated even the Coventry men from her cause. [8] = assessed.

Erlestrete: Tho. Squyar, Tho. Parker, Tho. Tate, Joh. Shemynges. £11. 17. 3d.

Smythfordstrete: Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Worthyngton, Ric. Drought, Gal. Bowyer. £7. 10s. 6d.

Brodeyate: Joh. Eburhale, Joh. Crulle, Hen. Rogers, Tho. Ruyton. £4. 13. 0d.

Baylelane: Tho. Hobbes, Tho. Gryme, Will. Spenser, Philiphus Gosnore. £6. 18s. 0d.

Jurdenwell: Will. ffyssher, Hen. Staffordshyre, Joh. Wodeland, Joh. Wylkyns. £10. 4s. 1d.

[1] *Micheparkestrete:* Ric. Pulton, Joh. Bordale, Will. Ive, Joh. Ardern. £10. 0s. 6d.

Sponstrete: Tho. Dowue, Joh. Pysford, Will. Pynchebek, Rad. Walker. £11. 6s. 8d.]

Mar. 5.

[2] *By the Kyng.*

Edward IV

Right trusty & Welbeloued, We grete you well. And of your true & diligent deuoir that ye haue put you yn hertofore to the sure & save kepyng of oure Cite of Couentre, & of the good & substanciall rule and guydyng that ye kepe theryn which redoundeth to your laude & worship, and also of such feliship as ye sent vnto vs at this tyme for to do vs service, We right hertely thanke you and pray you of youre good continuaunce, Chargyng you that ye suffre noon of oure rebelles nor disobeissantes to haue entre, interesse, fauour nor supportacion with-yn oure seid Cite yn any manere wyse, letyng you wit that yf the case require we shall prouide for your succours & relief with alle diligence, so that for lak þerof noon inconuenient shall falle be Goddes grace. Yeven vndre oure signet at oure Cite of London the v^e^ day of Marche.[3]

renders thanks,

and urges the suppression of the rebel party.

Mar. 12.

[4] *By the kyng.*

The king's commission

Trusty and Welbeloued, ffor-as-moche as nowe we be comyng in oure iourney for the repressyng of oure aduersarie & Rebelles and also enemyes, straungiers as ffrensshemen and Scottes,[5] which by thexcitacion and

[1] leaf 185, back. [2] leaf 187, back.
[3] Edward has been crowned the day before.
[4] leaf 188. [5] Margaret's plundering following.

stiryng of oure seid aduersarie and Rebelles ben commyng in-to this oure lande for to distroye it, we wol and straytely charge you that ye make & ordeigne alle defensible men that ye canne to come and awayte vpon vs in oure seid iourney, not faillyng as oure speciall trust is on you, and tendre the welefare of vs, of you, and all this oure lande. Yeven vnder oure pryue seal at oure Cite of London the xij day of Marche.

for the array of defensible men.

[1] [Collectors for £80 leuied by wards for 100 men "which went with oure souerayn liege lord kyng Edward the iiij[the] to the felde yn the north."]

Soldiers for battle of Towton fought Mar. 29.

Gosfordstrete: Tho. Cokkes, weuer, Joh. Stevons, Rob. Blyburgh, Will. Knyght. £8. 12s. 0d.

Crossechepyng: Will. Bedon, Joh. Bynley, Will. Marchall, Nic. Rondull. £12. 17s. 1d.

Bysshopstrete: Ric. Cokkes, Joh. Hadley, Will. Baxter, Ric. Potell. £9. 6s. 0d.

Erlestrete: Will. Dawe, Hugo Pollerd, Joh. Assheburn, Rob. Gidlowe. £9. 17s. 3d.

[2] *Smythfordstrete:* Joh. Yale, Joh. Tote, Coruiser, Ranulph Plymer, Joh. Daget. £5. 10s. 6d.

Brodeyate-warde: Rob. Thrumpton, Tho. Napton, Coteler at the Bere,[3] Joh. Bredon, sadeler. £2. 13s. 4d.

Bayllelane-warde: Tho. Jakeman, Will. Mason, Joh. Baylly, Joh. Hogges. £4. 18s. 0d.

Jurdenwelle-warde: Joh. Seman, Will. Drewe, Joh. Halle, Joh. Derby. £7. 4s. 1d.

Micheparkestrete-ward: Rob. Atterton, Tho. Tyler, Tho. Paunton, Tho. Waren. £8. 0s. 6d.

Sponstrete-ward: Joh. Hadley de Fletestrete, Joh. Turvey, Joh. Lynney, Will. Aubrey. £9. 6s. 8d.

[4] *By the Kyng.*

Edward IV's letter, May 13.

Ryght trusty and welbeloued, we grete you oftymes well; and thank you right hertely of youre good, true and feithfull disposicion towardes vs shewed at alle tymes hertofore, prayyng you of continuance, trustyng to oure

[1] leaf 185, back.
[2] leaf 186.
[3] ? The sign of the 'Bear.'
[4] leaf 187, back.

lord that ye in so doyng shall thynke yo*ur* true hertis and towardnesse right welle be-sette, that knoweth oure lord who haue you eu*er* yn his kepyng. Yeven vndre oure signet at oure Cite of York the xiij day of May.

WELCOME TO EDWARD IV.

The following agree to give a present to Edward IV,

[1] Memoran*dum* that these p*er*sones whos names here folowen, assembled at seynt Mary halle, g*r*aunted & ordeyned that C li. & a Cuppe shuld be gevyn to oure sou*er*ayn liege lord kyng Edward the iiij^the^ to his welcome

after Towton, Mar. 29.

to his Cite of Couentre from the felde yn the North, the which was truly don etc.]

40 names.

Ed. Brogreve, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Rob. Bradmedowe, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Walgrave, Ric. Boys, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode, Gui. Wyston, Will. Kempe, Joh. Wyldegrys, Joh. Norwode, Will. Betley, Joh. Pynchebek, M. G. C. C., Ric. Alde,[2] Joh. Savage,[2] Joh. Whalley, Will. Pere, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Austen, Joh. Byram, Will. Saunders, Ric. Dyvet, Joh. Garton, Rob. Eme, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Sim. Birches, Joh. Abell,[3] Will. Stafford, Joh. Mores, Joh. Bet, Joh. Caldebek, Tho. Hobbes, Tho. Raves, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Thrumpton.

£100 given to Edward IV.

[4] Memoran*dum* that these p*er*sones folowyng byn Collecto*ur*s of the C li. which was yeven to oure liege lord Edward the fourth to his furst welcome to his Cite of Couentre, etc.

Gosfordstrete-warde: Joh. Stevons, Will. Knyght, Joh. Grove, Will. Adcok. £11. 12s. 0d.

Crossechepyng: Ric. Bedon, Tho. Wolff, Tho. Warn*er*, Hen. Mason, Joh. Colyns, Coruis*er*. £14. 17s. 1d.

Bysshopstrete-warde: Will. Horsley, Ric. Potell, Tho. Parbronde, Joh. ,[5] Coup*er*. £11. 6s. 0d.

[1] leaf 184, back. [2] bracketed together as "vic*ecomites*."
[3] The donor probably of the stained-glass to S. Michael's, for his rebus—A upon a bell—is in one of the apse windows. Sharp, *Antiq.* 58.
[4] leaf 186, back. Edward was in Coventry in June. There were pageants presented in his honour wherein Samson the strong man, who overcame his enemies, figured. *v.* Craig (E. E. T. S.) 114.
[5] "Arrewe" deleted.

Erlestrete-warde: Tho. Squiar, Hugo Pollerd, Joh.[1] , Tho. Gregory. £11. 17s. 3d.

Smythfordstrete: Joh. Worthyngton, Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. fflynt, Ric. Drought, Joh. Daget. £7. 10s. 6d.

Brodeyate-warde: Tho. Napton, Joh. Eburhale, Hen. Rogers, Joh. Crulle. £4. 13s. 0d.

Bayllelane-warde: Ph. Gosnore, Tho. Gryme, Joh. Clyff, Will. Mason. £6. 18s. 0d.

Jurdenwell: Will. Stafford, Joh. Seman, Joh. Halle, Joh. ffyssher. £10. 4s. 1d.

[2] *Micheparkstrete:* Chr. Bramburgh, Tho. Paunton, Tho. Waren, Joh. Ardern. £10. 0s. 6d.

Sponstrete: Joh. Pysford, Tho. Dove, Will. Spens*er*, Joh. Turvey. £11. 6s. 8d.

TROOPS AGAINST LANCASTRIANS.

£40 for 14 men to go with Warwick.

[3] Memoran*dum* that alle these p*er*sones folowyng payde as here foloweth to the xl li. which was yeven to my lord of Warrewyk for the wages of the xl men that went with hym out of this Cite at his Jorney ynto the north for to resist kyng Herry & quene Marget that were, and alle other with theym accompanyed, as Scottes & Frenchemen, of theyre entre yn-to this lande etc.

166 names.	£	s.	d.
In p*ri*mis Ed. Brogreve, Maior	13	4	
Hen. Boteler, Recordator	13	4	
Rob. Bradmedowe	13	4	
Ric. Braytoft	13	4	
Joh. Walg*r*aue	10	0	
Ric. Boys	10	0	
Joh. ffreman	6	8	
Ric. Wode	13	4	
Gui. Wyston	10	0	
Joh. Wyldegrys	13	4	
Will. Kempe	10	0	
Joh. Norwode	10	0	
Will. Betly	6	8	
Joh. Pynchebek	10	0	
Ric. Alde	6	8	
Joh. Savage	6	8	
Joh. Whalley	6	8	
Will. Pere	10	0	
Joh. Gryme	6	8	
Ric. Austen	6	8	
Joh. Byram	6	8	
Will. Saunders	6	8	
Ric. Dyvet	4	4	
Joh. Garton	4	0	
Rob. Eme	4	0	
Joh. Hadley	6	8	
Joh. Illage, vyntener	6	0	
Tho. Bradmedowe	10	0	
Joh. Ruyton	10	0	
Joh. Gauge	10	0	
Sim. Byrches	6	8	
Joh. Abell	3	4	
Rad. Caldebek	5	0	
Tho. Hobbes	5	0	
Will. Stafford	6	8	
Tho. Raves	6	8	
Joh. Straunge	3	4	
Tho. Inggram	6	8	
Will. Horsley, deyst*er*	6	8	
Tho. Cokkes, weu*er*	1	8	
Will. Crampe	6	8	
Rob. Atterton	6	8	
Joh. Baylle, Gurdeler	6	8	
Will. Dawe	3	4	
Joh. Mores	3	4	
Joh. Bet	6	8	
Tho. Brokes	6	8	
Hen. Sircok	3	4	
Tho. Derby, armig*er*	6	8	
Will. Bapthorp, armig*er*	10	0	
Alan. Hore, armig*er*	10	0	
Will. Lyle, armig*er*	10	0	

[1] Blank. [2] leaf 187.

[3] leaf 188, back. Warwick and Montagu pacified the North by May, 1464. The Lancastrians were twice defeated.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Shirwode, Groc*er*	3	4	
Rad. Starky	1	8	
Tho. Whyte, sen., Bocher	3	0	
Joh. Stanlowe	3	4	
Ph. Drap*er*	2	0	
Joh. Manton, wyr-drawer	1	8	
Joh. Coup*er*, barker	1	0	
Rog. Wylde	1	0	
[1]Joh. Croftes	1	0	
Joh. Illage, m*er*cer	1	0	
Eust. Golofur	1	0	
Will. nup*er* s*er*uiens Joh*ann*is Grene de Cheylesmore		6	
Rob. Blyburgh	1	0	
Laur. Walgrave	1	8	
Joh. Sherley	1	0	
Hugo Pollerd	1	8	
Hum. Swan	1	8	
Tho. Squiar	3	0	
Ric. Aleyn, drap*er*	1	8	
Joh. Bothe, drap*er*		8	
Ric. Pulton	1	0	
Joh. Lynney	3	4	
Joh. Grove	1	0	
Joh. Smyth, baker	2	0	
Rob. Nevell	1	8	
Will. Knight, weu*er*	1	0	
Mat. Curtes, baxst*er*	1	0	
Joh. Smyth, G[rocer]	6	8	
Tho. Jakemon	2	0	
Joh. Huet, dekyn[2]	1	0	
Ric. Bedon	1	8	
Joh. Assheburn	1	0	
Joh. Rudyng	1	8	
Will. Mason	1	8	
Tho. Colet	2	0	
Ph. Gosnor	1	4	
Rob. Burnell	1	4	
Joh. Colam	1	8	
Joh. Clyff	1	0	
Joh. Tyllesley	1	0	
Tho. Burley	1	8	
Joh. Crulle	1	8	
Joh. Thrumpton	3	4	
Tho. Napton	3	4	
Rog. Broun	1	8	
Joh. Bredon	1	0	
Hen. Glou*er*	1	0	
Joh. Eburhale	1	0	
Will. Spens*er*, Sadeler,	1	0	
Joh. Ardern	1	8	
Chris. Bamburgh	1	0	
Tho. Paunton	1	0	
Tho. Western	1	4	
Joh. Maynard	1	8	
Joh. Toty	1	4	
Joh. Mallory	1	4	
Ric. Drought	1	0	
Gal. Bowyer	2	0	
Will. Bowyer	1	0	
Ran. Plymer	1	2	
Joh. Oldebery	2	6	
Joh. fflynt	1	4	
Ric. fflynt	1	4	
Joh. Worthyngton	2	0	
Joh. Bolen, baker	1	0	
Ric. Bowyer	1	0	
Joh. Yale	2	0	
Tho. Broun, lynnen-drap*er*	1	0	
Joh. Wylde	1	0	
Nic. Kent	1	4	
Isab. Rastell	2	0	
Tho. Dove	3	4	
Joh. Hadley	3	4	
Will. Spens*er*, bocher	1	8	
Joh. Mersshe	2	0	
Will. Shipston	1	0	
Joh. Turvey	2	0	
Rob. Jones	1	0	
Joh. Honyburn	3	4	
Rad. Wryght	2	0	
Ric. Blake	1	0	
Joh. Pysford	3	0	
Will. Aubrey	1	0	
Will. Baylle, deyst*er*	2	0	
Joh. Colyns, Coruis*er*	1	8	
[3]Hen. Mason	1	8	
Joh. Nele	1	4	
Tho. Colclough	1	8	
Tho. Warn*er*	1	8	
Nic. Rondull	2	0	
Will. Bedon	1	8	
Tho. Wolff	1	0	
Joh. ffayreman	1	4	
Tho. ffourth	1	8	
Will. Marchall	3	4	
Ric. Sampson, deyst*er*	1	4	
Will. Horsley, wyr-d*rawer*	3	0	
Joh. Hadley	5	0	
Tho. Parbrond	1	0	
Joh. Arrowe	1	0	
Ric. Cokkes	5	0	
Tho. Hyton	2	0	
Rob. Orwell	1	4	
Ric. Potell	2	0	
Will. Baxst*er*, bocher	3	4	
Joh. Aman	1	8	
Will. Norhampton	1	8	
Walt. Broun	1	8	
Gal. Wolpyn*er*	1	0	
Tho. Garden*er*	1	0	
vx*or* Geruasii Cole	3	4	
Joh. Imayn	1	0	
Hen. Colyns	1	0	
Will. Aunsell	1	8	

The priests of Bablake gave as here follows.

P*res*bit*er*i de Bablake deder*unt* vt hic sequit*ur*.

[Will. Haddon, warden, 2s. 0d. and the 11 following "Capell*ani*" 4d. each. Will. Braytoft, Rob. Launcelen, Tho. Nele, Joh. Pardy, Joh. Melton, Joh. Clerk, Tho. Pryce, Hug. Whytehals, Joh. Blokkeswych, Will. Payn, Tho. Aleyn; Rob. Wode and Joh. Blake "Cl*er*ici" 2d. between them.]

June 18. [4]Memoran*dum* that alle these p*er*sones folowyng were

[1] leaf 189. [2] deacon. [3] leaf 189, back. [4] leaf 190.

waged with the Erle of Warrewyk yn his Jorney yn-to the Northe, the xviij day of June the furst yere of the reign of kyng Edward the iiij^the^ for xx^ti^ dayes then next suyng, the which p*er*sones came home agayn the xxix day of Jule then next suyng, at which tyme they were rewardid as here sueth, be-cause they had be leng*ur* ffourth then they had wages fore etc. Soldiers that went with Warwick.

[Ric. Coton, armig*er*, has 13s. 4d., the following 6s. 8d. each. Rob. Torfote, Joh. Aledus, Nic. Adlyngton, Will. Belle, Ad. Davy, Chris. Heton, Rad. Marlond, Ric. Bromley, Joh. Hille, Joh. ffrere, Tho. Kyrkeby, Will. Benet, Rob. Thorp, Hen. Baker, Tho. Broun, Joh. Sengull, Will. Hauker, Joh. Whyte, Joh. Rollesley, Steph. Adcok. Ric. Williams, Will. Fawconbrygg, Will. Nasshe, Sim. Haukyns, Rog. Burnes, Rowlandus Harriesson, Joh. Chebsey, Will. Pars, Thos. Parker, Tho. Goldsmyth, Joh. Broun, Rad. Stele, Joh. Messyngham.]

KING'S LETTER ABOUT LAWLESSNESS.

July 7.

[1] Edward by the grace of God, kyng of Englande and of ffraunce and lord of Ireland, To oure trusty and welbeloued the Maire and Justices of peax with-in oure Cite of Couentre and to the shirrieffes of the same, gretyng. For certaine consideraci*o*ns vs moevyng, we wol and charge you straytely, openly to pr*o*clayme in oure seid Cite that alle Man*ere* Inhabitauntes therin & the hamelett*es* thereof duely obeye vn-to you the seid Maire, Justic*es* of pees, and shirrieffes of o*ur* saide Citee, touchyng alle man*er*e good rule, ordenau*n*ces & lawfull actes, made for the worship & welfare of o*ur* seide Citee; and that not non of thaym from hensforth be so hardy to affraye or quarell with-yn the same o*ur* Citee, nor any Confederacye, assemble, Insurreccion or Conuenticles make to feche other out of prison or any other vnlawfull dede to do; neyther were ne vse oure most honnorable signe, nor any other lordes or gentilles signe, tokyn or lyu*er*e with*o*ut suffisaunt knowlage yeven to you, o*ur* saide Maire, that he that hit wereth be s*er*uau*n*t menyal to vs or to the seide lord or gentyl whos signe he

The king

exhorts the mayor to make proclamation

against breaches of the peace,

against wearing livery without warrant;

[1] leaf 188.

wereth; nor that non Inhabitaunt within our seide Citee presume from hensforth to ryde or go out of the seide Cite to seyse, take or dispoyle any mannes goodes, or put any man to fyne without autorite had from vs, vpon the payne who-so dothe the contrarye in any of the premisses to be taken & enprisoned by the discrecion of you, oure seide Maire, Justices & Shirrieffes, and yf nede require to be brought to our presence to receyue such other punysshement as shall pleace vs. Yeven vndre our pryue seal at Westm[instre] the vij day of Jule the first yere of our reigne.

against taking the law into their own hands.[1]

Offenders to be imprisoned, or, if necessary, sent to the king.

WILL. PERE, MAYOR, 1462.

"Couentre." Jan. 25, 1462.

[1] ¶ [Election of new officers before Ed. Brogreve, m., Tho. Ingram, Will. Horsley, b.]

24 Electors.

Gui. Wyston, Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Boys, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe, Will. Kempe, Joh. Wildegrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Hadley, Ric. Austen, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Dyvet, Ric. Alde, Joh. Savage, Joh. Gauge, Rob. Eme, Joh. Bette, Will. Crampe, Rob. Onley, Will. Dawe, Joh. Baylle.

Officers.

[m. Will. Pere; cor. Joh. Ruydyng; ch. Tho. Broke, Joh. Hadley "de Welstrete;" w. Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Baxter; mace, Will. Atkynson.

J. Ps.

Will. Pere, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Gui. Wyston, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Joh. ffreman, Ric. Wode.

Key-keepers.

Will. Pere, Gui. Wyston, Ric. Braytoft.[2]]

THO. BRADMEDOWE, MAYOR, 1463.

"Couentre." Jan. 25, 1463.

[3] ¶ [Election of new officers before Will. Pere, m., Will. Dawe, Rob. Atterton, b.]

24 Electors.

Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Wode, Ric. Boys, Rob. Bradmedowe, Gui. Wyston, Joh. Wyldegrys, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Whalley, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Savage, Joh. Garton, Ric. Austen, Ric. Alde, Joh. Illage, Tho. Ingram, Rob. Onley, Will. Stafford, Will. Horsley, Joh. Catur, Joh. Bet.

[1] leaf 194. [2] Other names not repeated. [3] leaf 195.

[m. Tho. Bradmedowe; cor. Joh. Ruydyng; ch. Tho. Dowue, Tho. Jakeman; w. Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Baxter; mace, Will Atkynson.] Officers.

Also they wolle that the Chaumburleyns reparell the Walles of the Litell-parke, and that they yelde accomptes of the profet of the seid parke to the behoof of the Towne etc. Also they wolle that the Wardens pay to Agnes, sumtyme the Wyf of John Bedworth, smyth, v s. for Gunne-powder etc. The Little-park. 5s. for gun-powder.

[Tho. Bradmedowe, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Ed. Brogreve, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Boys, Ric. Wode. J. Ps.

The same, except the recorder.] Key-keepers.

LEET.

[1]Also they have ordenyd at thys lete that the Yrle-strete warde bere to helpe the Jorden-well warde at the C li. when hyt fallythe xiij s. iiij d., Item the Bayly-lone warde xiij s. iiij d., Item the Cros-chepyng warde xiij s. iiij d., Item the Brode-yate warde vj s. viij d., and so that the sayde Jorden-well warde shall pay no more at a C li. but viij li., and so forthe after the same rate at euery charge when eny ys payabyll in thys cete. Apportionment of money raised by wards.

JOHN RUYTON, MAYOR, 1464.

¶ [2][Election of new officers before Tho. Bradmedowe, m., Joh. Bette and Will. Stafford, b.] "Couentre." Jan. 25, 1464.

Will Kemp, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boys, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe, Gui. Wyston, Joh. Wyldegrys, Will. Pere, Rob. Eme, Ric. Alde, Joh. Garton, Ric. Austen, Tho. Warmyngton, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Illage, Joh. Gryme, Tho. Ingram, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Baylle, Joh. Catur, Will. Crampe, Tho. Brokes, Rad. Caldebek. 24 Electors.

[m. Joh. Ruyton; cor. Joh. Ruydyng; ch. Laur. Walgraue, Joh. Hadley "de Fletestrete"; w. Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Baxter; mace, Nic. Hunton. Officers.

[1] leaf 195, back. Scribe D. An exceedingly slovenly and ill-educated hand. The worst in the book in point of style. No jury given, and no heading of any kind.

[2] leaf 196. The same scribe as p. 320.

J. Ps. Joh. Ruyton, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Will. Kempe, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Wode.

Key-keepers. The same, without the recorder.]

THE CHEYLESMORE JURISDICTION AFFAIR.

[1] *Cheylesmore.*

A man arrested by the city officers in Cheylesmore Park.

Be hit remembred that yn the tyme of John Ruyton, Mair of this Cite, Ric. Hykman, deyster, stode condempned a-fore the Mair and shirrefs of this Cite in the Court of portmanmote, and a Capias to take hym was awarded, and as he shuld haue byn takyn he fledde yn-to the kynges parke of Cheylesmore ouer the pale and toke the parke, and the subbaylly and Constable, euer folowyng hym, there tokyn hym, and be arrest brought hym to the Geyle of the Cite; Complaint of the arrest by the royal officials of Cheylesmore. þervppon the parker & oþer Officers of Cheylesmore pretendyng that the Officers of this Cite shuld not make any arrestes there, nor that eny persones owed not to be arrested there, seying that Cheylesmore was seyntwary,[2] compleyned hem to the kyng yn this matier; and þervppon the kyng, supposyng theyre seying to be trewe, sent his lettrez of priue sygnet to the Officers of this Cite accordyng to the continue[3] here vnder wretyn.

By the Kyng.

Jan. 16. To oure trusty and wel-beloued, the Mair and Recorder of oure Cite of Couentre, and to eyther of theym.

"Chelles-more ffran-chessed." Trusty and wel-beloued, we grete you wele. And for-asmyche as we ben enfourmed that oure Manoir of Cheylesmore is, and of olde tyme hath ben, a place

The king franchesied, and that Ric. Hiddesman, deyster, which late toke the ffranchise of oure seyd Manoir for his socour and refuge accordyng to thauncienne custume and liberte therof, hath ben be certeyn indisposed persones of oure Cite of Couentre vyolently takyn out of the seyd franchise yn derogasion of the same, and to oure preiudice

[1] leaf 196 back. The manor of Cheylesmore was part of the duchy of Cornwall, v. *Life in an Old English Town*, 122. On the evils of rural jurisdictions and the consequent escape of criminals *v.* Green, *Town Life*, I. 311.

[2] sanctuary. [3] = contents.

and displeasir, yf hit so bee. We *per*fore m*ar*uayllyng gretely not only the p*re*sumpcion of the said persones, but also of yo*ur* suffrance in that partie, yf it be as is surmysid, wol and charge you to see with alle diligence after the sight of these that the said Ric. be restored to the seid ffranchice, and the same from hensforth duely obs*er*ued withouten any int*er*rupc*i*on as fer as to you belongeth, as ye wol answere vn-to vs at yo*ur* peril. Yeuen vnder our sygnet at oure Towne of Norhampton the xvj day of Januar.

marvels at the city officials' presumption,

and insists that his rights shall not be infringed.

[1] The which l*ett*re vnderstonden be Joh. Ruyton, þen Mair, & Herry Boteler, Recourdo*ur*, p*er*ceyvyng well that the said l*ett*e*r* was labored be straunge & malicious suggestion, and that hit were doughtfull[2] sich suggestion to remayn vnanswered, and be that the kynges hyghnes wold take a displeasyr yf the seid Ric. were not deliu*er*ed, or mat*er* disclosyd why, by the kynges lawes, he awght not to be deliu*er*ed, they councelled with xxiiij^{ti} of the worthyest men of this Cite at Seynt Mary halle, disclosyng to theym the seid mat*er* and the kynges lett*er*. Whereuppon, be alle theyre advyses, hit was p*ro*vyded that the seid Recordo*ur*, Will. Stafford, one of the shirrefs of this Cite, and Rob. Onley shuldon take with theym the Charters of the f*r*aunchice of this Cite, and the graunte of Ranulphe made of olde tyme,[3] and the g*r*aunte & confirmacion of kyng Herry the first[4] vppon the g*r*aunte of the seid Ranulphe, and a confirmacion of kyng Herry the thrydde[5] vppon the seid g*r*aunte of Ranulphe and confirmac*i*on, and ou*er* that the g*r*aunte of prynce Edward assigned be what bondes his m*in*istres of Cheylesmore touchyng the Cite shuld not medle nor distreyn nor let the m*in*istres to do theyre Office vppon c*er*teyn peyn

It is determined by the council that

the recorder, W. Stafford, and R. Onley shall take the records of the city's privileges, Ranulf's charter,

and divers confirmations of the same,

[1] leaf 197. [2] = to be dreaded.

[3] Corp. MSS. B. 1. v. *Life in an Old Eng. Town*, 45. Cunningham, *Eng. Industry*, I. 616. Ranulf Blundeville, Earl of Chester, is meant. He was a great founder of towns. This charter was the core of the city's liberties.

[4] Really Henry II. It belongs to the period 1181–88, *v.* Corp. MSS. B. 2. Given in extenso in Bateson, Laws of Breteuil, *Eng. Hist. Rev.*, xvi. 98–99. This confirmation includes the grant of a low (12 d.) amercement for offences. No doubt this acted as an encouragement to settlers.

[5] See Corp. MSS. B. 4.

and ride to Northampton to lay the case before the king.

as þerin appereth[1]; and that they in hast directly shulden ryden to Norhampton where the kyng þen lay, which soo diden. And then the kyng was at a Counsell at Norhampton, and the seid Recordour & his felowes openly afore the kyng disclosyd the cause of their comyng to his presence, declaryng to his hyghnes the forseyd letter. sent to the Meyre & to the Recordour, remembryng his hyghnes that, as semed, greuous compleynt had be made on hem, the charge of which were to theym unportable, if hit were as was affermed to his hyghnes, and for theyre trewe declaracion & excuse þerin, as his trewe liege men,[2] yn eschewyng his most doughtfull displesyr, offered theym with-out delay to disclose his seyd hyghnes the trouthe þerin, besechyng his grace to gyff theym audience þerin. Wheruppon be advise of the Chaunceler of Inglond,[3] the Erle of Warrewyk, the Erle of Worcestre[4] and mony other lordes þere then beyng, hit was commaunded the seid Recordour and his felowes to attende on the kyng yn the afternon þen suyng.

This they do; the recorder acts as spokesman,

and an audience is granted.

The recorder

At which tyme the seid Recordour in the presence of the seid kyng & his lordes openly disclosyd the for-seyd letter, and þeruppon alleged that it semed that the Officers of Cheylesmore wrongfully entended to exclude the Officers & ministrez of the Cite to make arrestes and to do þere execucions with-Inne the Manoir of Cheylesmore & the parke þerof, as they owed to do and the Officers of the seid Cite of long tyme haue don & vsed to do, trustyng to his hyghnes þat for eny sinistre enformacion made to his hyghnes he wold be good & gracious kyng and lord to the Cite in their right, and to disclose hym þe right of the Cite þerin þey were comen to his hygh presence etc.

alleges that the city officers have been used to make arrests in Cheylesmore Park.

The king

[5]The king þerto answered seyng that he had & owed to haue the seid Cite in als gret favour & tendernes as he had eny Cite in his roialme & þerto he was gretly beholden, but he seid the Manoir of Cheylesmore was his

[1] 49 Ed. III (1375). The royal officials were forbidden to meddle with the liberties under pain of 20 marks.
[2] MS. "m." or "in."
[3] George Neville, Bishop of Exeter, Warwick's brother.
[4] Tiptoft, "The Butcher." [5] leaf 197.

alswell as the towne was, and þerfore he wold be indifferent be-twix þeym, and min*is*tre to eyther of theym right & equite. And þeruppon the kyng cald to hym the Erle of Warrewyk, the Erle of Worcestre, the lord Hastynges, his Chaumburleyn,[1] the lord Dudley,[2] the lord Ryvers,[3] the lord Wenlok[4] & Danby, þe Juge,[5] to here sich matier as the seid Record*our* wold vtter. þe which þ*er*e disclosed the first g*r*aunte made to þe men of Couentre be þe Erle of Chestre, Ranulfe, and þe other Charte*r*s afore-specified in their ordre. Which Charte*r*s aft*ur* that the kyng herd hem, he m*ar*velled gretely þ*at* eny ffraunchice for þe Cite shuld be claymed in his place of Cheylesmore & þe p*ar*ke þ*er*of, seyng þ*at* hit myght not be so in eny wyse. And þe seid Record*our* vttered to hym þe g*r*aunte made be p*r*ince Edward, which refreyneth[6] þe Office*r*s of Cheylesmore to medle w*ith*in þe Cite to make eny arrestes, lymyttyng the bondes where þe Office*r*s of the Cite shuld medle; Remembrying further þe kynges hyghness þ*at*, eu*er* sithen the ffraunchise g*r*aunted be quene Isabell & prynce Edward, the Office*r*s of the Cite, both in plee riall and p*er*sonell, in somons, attachm*ent* & distresse be wryttes & warantes, alswell sued at the com*en* lawe as in the Court of the Cite, the min*is*trez of the same han don execucion although the kyng or his housold haue ben þen p*r*esent in the seid place of Cheylesmore. And ferther, be the same tyme, if eny infortune felle w*ith*[in] þe seid p*ar*ke or place, the Coroner of the Cite hath ex*er*cised his Office þ*er*of, & takyn enquest*es* þ*er*uppon of the inh*ab*itauntes of the same Cite, w*ith*out medlyng of eny Office*r* or Ministre of Cheylesmore, as openly is knowen, the kyng nor his p*r*ogenitours sithen þe seid tyme non jurisdicion nor o*þer* liber*te* there havyng, but only a lete to be holden twyse by yere of þe forreyns and a Court baron for þe same to be holden eu*er*y iij wekes. The which lete &

and divers lords

listen to the recorder on this matter of the "Complaint by the Steward of Chelesmore against the Sheriffs of Couentr*e* ffor Aresting a man in the p*ar*ke."

The recorder explains the position,

[1] William, Lord Hastings, executed by Richard III, 1483.
[2] Sir John Sutton, Lord Dudley.
[3] Sir Richard Woodville, Earl Rivers, husband of the Duchess of Bedford, and father of Elizabeth, Edward's queen, executed 1469 at Coventry. [4] John, Lord Wenlock.
[5] Chief-justice Common Pleas. [6] = restrains.

and complains of the encroachments of the officials of Cheylesmore.

Court baron be the Officers of Cheylesmore weren mysvsed to the preiudice of the seid fraunchice and liberte of the seyd Cite, as the seid Recordour affermed, be-cause the Styward of Cheylesmore of newe wrongfully vsed to trie issues[1] ioyned yn the Court Baron þere, and also holdyng diuers plees of diuerse persones not tenauntes of the seid Maner of Cheylesmore, and þerby artyng[2] diuers inhabitauntes withyn the bondes of the lete of the seid Cite to sue to the seid lete of Cheylesmore, where þe inhabitauntes of the seid Cite owen not so to do.

The king purposes to come to Coventry and hear the matter,

but stipulates for the giving up of the man taken in the park.

Which seid maters thus expressed, the kyng seide that in breef tyme he purposed to be at Couentre, and there wolden be mo Juges, and then he wold here ferther of this mater; but he seid þat the man which was takyn yn Cheylesmore sholde be restored thyder tyll that tyme.

The recorder protests,

To which the seyd Recordour answered that þe seid man myght not nor owe not to be restored thyder by þe lawe, for he was condempned at sute of partye, yn which cas yf he were suffered to goo at large the Officers of the seid Cite weren chargeable and to be charged to the partie of the somme wherin the seid man stode condempned.

and apparently with success.

To the which seyng of the seid Recordour, Rob. Danby, Juge, then present, demaunded þerof be þe kyng, affermed the same. Wheruppon then the kyng commaunded the seid Recordour & his felyship to departe home, and at his comyng to Couentre the seid matier shulde be ferther herd.

The king comes to Coventry,

[3]And yn the next weke suyng the kyng come to Couentre, and there assigned the Erle of Worcestre, Constable of Inglond and Styward of his howse, and the ij Chyeff Juges,[4] Markeham & Danby, to here the seyd matier; afore whech, the Meyre of this Cite, þe Recorder, & in substance alle the worshipfull men of this Cite, assembled yn the Chapterhous in þe priory, be þe seyd Recordour the forseyde libertes of this [Cite] eftesones were rehersed, affermyng þat the arrestyng of the forseyde

and the matter is heard in the chapter-house;

[1] The point of contention between the two parties in an action at law; to join issue = to submit this point for decision.
[2] *N. E. D.* To constrain. [3] leaf 198.
[4] Markham, C.J.K.B.; Danby, C.J.C.P.

Ric. Hyddesman was lawful & þe kepyng of hym in prison also, because þat the seyd Manoyr of Cheylesmore & parke þerof was within the preseynt of the liberte of the seyd Cite. Wheruppon the seyd Erle & Juges called to hem Herry Ferres, Styward of the seyd Manoir of Cheylesmore, askyng hym what he cowthe seye ayeyns the forseyd seyng of the seyd Recordour yn the seyd matier. And he answered seyng þat sich þyng as he had laburd þerin wold[1] he had don hit be the informacion & seyng of worshipfull persones of the seyde Cite, but he þerin wolde in no wyse name eny persone, so that his seyng þerin was takyn þat he wold be his wylle variance among worshipfull men causeles. And yn conclusyon the seyd Styward seyde þat þe remembrances of sich libertes as perteyned to Cheylesmore weron yn the Tresory of the Duch[y] of Lancastre, desyring to haue resonable tyme to make serche in that partie, which was graunted hym, & to be redy þerin in terme then next suyng at London; at which tyme hit was seyde be the kyng that he wolde assygne certeyn Juges to here and decre the seid matier etc.

the steward alleges that information has been given him by divers citizens.

The decision is deferred until the records of the duchy of Lancaster shall have been searched.

And at London the terme þen next suyng, that is to sey the terme of Estur, the iiij^{the} yere of the reign of the seyd kyng, The forseid Recordour of this Cite suyd to the kynges hyghnes, he then beyng at the Towre of London, to disclose his forseyd comaundement gyff at Couentre to attende on his hyghnes for the seid matier, many lordes þen beyng present. And the kynges hyghnes remembred well the matier and asked Herry Ferres yf he had serched for the seid matier as he had seide he wold, and yf he had eny thyng founden þerin, Ric. Chok, Justice, & Tho. Yong, seriaunt, then beyng present yn the kynges Chaumbur. Wherto the seid Henre answered & seyd þat as yette no thyng was founden etc.

Easter, Apr. 1, 1464.

The matter is "debated at London,"

but the Cheylesmore steward has found nothing.

The recorder

And þeruppon the forseid Recordour besought the kynges good grace to remembur the long sute made for his seyd Cite in that behalf and no thyng shewed aȝeyns theyre entent þerin, so that be likelehood the compleynt made vppon the Officers of the seid Cite be the Officers

[1] ?omit.

beseeches the king that the city may keep and enjoy its liberties.

of the seid Manoir of Cheylesmore was supposed to be made only of wylfulnes, besechyng his hyghnes that his Mair & Officers of the seid Cite myght kepe and enjoy sich libertes & ffraunchices as þey owed to do, and as be-fore they vsed yn the tyme of his progenitours, remembryng his same hyghnes that þe seyd Cite euer had be redy & was to plece his hyghnes at alle tymes etc.

"Nothing proued, but the Citty to injoy their ffranchises, and Chelesmore to be within the jurisdiction off the Court off Record off Couentry."

[1] Wheruppon then the kyng be deliberacion answered the seid Recordour thus :—That he wold þat his seyde Citee kept and enjoyed theyre liberties and ffraunchisez, as they owed to do, aȝeyns which he wold not be, and if her-aftur eny matier were founden for the seid Manoir of Cheylesmore provyng the suggestion aforeseyd to be trewe, then the Officers of the seyd Cite shuld be warned þerof and have tyme to answere þerto, coumaundyng the seid Recordour þat he attendid no more þeruppon aftur þat tyme etc.

THE MATTER OF WILLIAM HUET.

By the kyng.

July 14. The king's letter concerning a dispute,

Trusty & wel-beloued, we grete you wel, and for-somoche as the mater dependyng betwix Joh. Abery & Will. Bedon on that oon partie and Will. Huet on the other of our Cite of Couentre ys screpulus & doubtefull, & that we vnderstande ye have putte you in fer deuoir to thexaminacion of the same accordyng to youre truthes & duetes, We therfore, and for the tender zele and chierte[2] that we bere to oure seid Cite & thease & tranquillite of our true subgiettes of the same, haue ceassed of any strayt examinacion in the seid mater and woll þat it be extinted,[3] latyng you wite that we haue accorded the seid parties vndur sich forme as is comprised in a cedule yn this closed, the which we wol that ye putte you in due execucion; and yf any of the seid parties be obstinat herafter that ye putte you in deuoir to the redresse & correcion of

and enclosing a schedule

[1] leaf 198, back.
[2] *N. E. D.* s. v. Cherte = dearness, tenderness, fondness, affection.
[3] *N. E. D.* s. v. Extinct = extinguished.

theym accordyng *with* oure lawes. Yeven vnder our signet at oure Towne of Dancastre the xiiij day of Jule.

R. E.

arranging for arbitration in the same.

Memorandum that Will. Huet on that oon *par*tie and Will. Bedon oon that o*per* of our Cite of Couentre be agreed to abyde the ward of Joh. Arowe, Tho. Maydeford & Will. Marshall and Joh. Mershe of our seid Cite vpon sich laufull and resonable costes, expenses and damages, as by the seid arbito*urs* can be vnderstanden that the seid Will. Huet & Will. Bedon haue made and susteyned in the pursute vpon thaccusacion & defence of sich mat*er*s betwix them dependyng in variance, as late were had in examinacion be-fore the Mair of the seid Cite. The same awarde to be yeven before Michelmas day next comyng, and if in the mean tyme the seid iiij arbitrours can not accorde that then the seid Mair to be unpar, and to yeve his decre vpon the seid variance be-fore seid day.

The award to be given before Michaelmas, and in the event of the arbitrators disagreeing the mayor to be umpire.

R. E.

Other arbitrators for a question of debt.

Also the seid Will. Huet and Abery, vpon suche accions and variance for debte as be-twix thaim ben dependyng, ben agreed to abyde the awarde of Joh. Gauge and Tho. Warde of oure seide Cite of Couentre to be yeven be Michelmas day next.

R. E.

As the arbitrators cannot agree, the mayor as umpire

[1] *Memorandum* that for-somoche as the a-fore named iiij arbitro*urs* of the *pre*misses be-twix the seid p*ar*ties be-fore the seid Myghelmas day cowde not accorde that then the seid mair to be vmper, þe which vmper takyng vpon hym the charge of laude[2] & decree, the mat*er*s of both p*ar*ties be hym herd & well vnderstonden, a-fore the seid day be the advyse of xxiiij^ti^ of his worshipfull brethern, hath decreed that the seid Will. Huet shold aske the seid Will. Bedon foryevenes of that he had put vppon hym, & to yeve hym xl s. to amendes toward his costes & expenses that he had made, and yf he wold not obey & fullfylle this, then the seid Will. Huet to yeve hym x mark. The which laude & decree the seid Will. Huet in neyther

decides that Huet shall ask Bedon's forgiveness, and pay him 40*s.* for damages, or in default 10 marks.

[1] leaf 199. [2] Decision, judgment (*N. E. D.*).

On Huet's proving refractory

braunche wold not obey, but vtterly refusyd, and had then right vnfyttyng, inordinate & ceducious[1] langage sownyng to the derogacion of the kynges lawes & of his peace yn right evyll example; for þe which the seid Mair, vmper, be the advyse of his seid brethern com*m*yttid hym to warde; for þe which the kyng yave hym right good & spe*c*ial thank, and wolle that he there be kept w*ith*outen eny deliue*r*aunce vnto the tyme he hath fulfilled his[2] seid decree and receyued such punicion for his Riottes[3] demeanyng as shalbe accordyng to his[4] lawes, as yn his l*ett*e*r* her-aft*ur* wretyn is made pleyn mencion.

the mayor commits him to prison.

R. E. By the kyng.

Oct. 4. The king gives "thanks to the maior for punishing a Refractory person."

Trusty and wel-beloued, we grete you wele. And wherevppon a mat*er*e dependyng in variance be-twix Will. Bedon on that oon p*ar*tie and Will. Huet on that o*þer* of our Cite of Couentre, It was yn oure p*r*esence be thair bothes assent agreed to abyde the awarde of Joh. Arowe, Tho. Maydeford, Will. Marshall, & Joh. Mersshe of oure said Cite, of suche lawfull & resonable cost*es*, expenses & damages as by the seid arbitrours coude be vnderstanden that þe seid William Bedon and William Huet had made & susteyned in the pursuyte vpon thaccusacion and defence of the seid mat*er*es, the same awarde to be yeven by Michelmasse day last passed, and yf the seid arbitrours in the meane tyme coude not accorde ye then to be unpar, and yeve yo*ur* decree vpon the seid variance bifore the seid day, as more at large was specified in oure l*ett*res bering date at oure Towne of Dancastyr, the xiiij day of Jule last passed, þ*er*uppon vnto you addressed. We nowe been enfo*ur*med on youre bihalue by oure right trusty and entierly biloued Cousin, Therl of Worcestre, that the seid arbitrours might not accorde, and that ye as unpar haue yeven yo*ur* decree rightwysly & indifferently in that p*ar*tie; and that þe seid William Huet hath obstinately refused on his parte to obey & p*er*fo*ur*me yo*ur* seid decree, and besides that had right vnfittyng, inordinate and cedicious langage sownyng to the derogacion of oure

The king approves of the mayor's decision, of which Tiptoft, Earl of Worcester, has informed him,

[1] seditious. [2] "yo*ur*" deleted. [3] riotous.
[4] *i. e.* the king's.

lawes and peax in right evyl example, for þe which ye have committed hym to warde; wherof if hit so be we can[1] you right good & special thank, and wole that he there be kept without any deliuerance to tyme that he haue fulfilled your seid decree and receyued sich punicion for his Riottous demeanyng as shal-be accordyng with oure lawes; wyllyng fferthermore & chargyng you that if any personnes of like indisposicion vexe thair neyghbours, oure subgittes, with-in oure seid Cite by any such Imaginacions,[2] sclaundours, or feyned accusacions, herafter or make any Routes or conuenticles within the same, and þerof bee lawfully proved Culpable & conuicte, þat ye putt you in deuoir to the repressyng and punicion of thaim aftur thair demerites & the cours of oure lawes, as oure trust is in you, and as ye wyl answere vn-to vs; yevyng straytly in commaundement by thees presentes to the Shirreffes & al our Officers, liegemen & subgittes of oure seid Cite and to euery of thaim, that to thexecucion of the premisses they yeve vn-to you their attendance, aide & assistence, as hit apperteygneth, vpon the payn that of the contrarie may ensue at thair peril. Yeven vnder oure signet at oure Monasterie of Redyng, the ffoureth day of Octobre.

and commands that any other persons offending like Huet and vexing their neighbours

shall be repressed and punished.

Dated at Reading.

[3]*Mem.* that alle-though the seid Will. Huet were so obstinatly disposed a-fore the makyng of this lettur a-fore wretyn that he wold not obey the decree of the Mair of such matiers as were dependyng be-twix hym and Will. Bedon, as yn the seid lettur more at large is specified, for the which and yn especiall for his vnfittyng & inordinate langage the Mair commyttid hym to warde; wherof þe kyng right specially thankyd hym for that so doyng, & wold & charged that he shold be þere kept with-out any deliuerance vn-to the tyme he had fulfylled his seyde decree & receyued such punicion for his Riottous demeanyng as shal-be accordyng with his lawes; the seid Will. Huet then seyng þat he most in any wyse obey the seide decre or abyde yn warde stylle, & to suffer als[4] such punicion for his obstinacy in the premisses as the seid

Although Huet

for his unfitting language and general insubordination deserved

to suffer according to the utmost rigour of the law,

[1] *N. E. D.* s. v. can and con = to express or offer thanks.
[2] = device, plot. [3] leaf 199, back.
[4] Also; chiefly a northern form (*N. E. D.*).

yet, on his obtaining the support of the king-maker, Warwick,

Mair wyll deme hym to do; he then be the meane of his frendes labored vn-to my lord of Warrewyk for fauour & ease to be had yn the seid decree at my lordes instaunce, so that to ouer grete rebuke ne charge were not don to the seid Will. yn makyng þerof. And þeruppon the seid Mair, allethough aftur his dimeretys well & indifferently be hym vnderstonden, he were worthy to haue made as lowly submission as cowde be thought þerfore, & to haue boron to the vtmast of his godes be-sides that, and right-wesnes without mercy shold haue ben don þerin, but at the seid instaunce leyng rightwesnes apart and folowyng mercy, made his laude & decre thus:—that the seid Will. Huet shuld be of good seying & behavyng fro that tyme fourth, and that he shuld yeve the seid Will. Bedon x marc' to amendes toward his costes; & so he did; which amountid not to the thryd peny that he had made hym to spende. And yette further at my seid lordes instaunce my worshipfull Brethern & I so effectuelly entretyd the seid Will. Bedon that he yave the seid Will. Huet agayn v nobles of the seid x marc'; and then the seid Mair decreed further þat the seid Will. Huet shul-be bounden & suerte with hym yn recognusance afore hym & other Justicez of the peax þere fro thense-fourth to bere the peax ayenst the seid Will. Bedon, and to be of good behavyng ayenst alle the inhabitauntes of the Cite of Couentre. The which laude & decre the seid Will. Huet þen fulfylled, and þeruppon then out of warde was dismyssed & sette at his large etc.

the mayor lays right-eousness aside and follows mercy, merely binding him over and granting 10 marks' damage to the other party in the suit.

Even payment for damages is reduced, at Warwick's instance.

"Pardone & good behaviour."

JOHN PYNCHBEK, MAYOR, 1465.

"Couentre." Jan. 25. Electors.

[1] [Election of officers.]

Joh. Wyldegryse, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bradmedowe, Will. Pier, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gavge, Ric. Austen, Joh. Garton, Rob. Eme, Tho. Warmynton, Ric. Alde, Rob. Atturton, Will. Horsley, Joh. Bette, Will. Stafford, Tho. Broke, Tho. Cokkes, Will. Cramp, Tho. Dowve, Joh. Mores, Tho. Jakeman.

[1] leaf 200. Scribe D. Joh. Bayly, Radulphus Caldebek, sheriffs.

[m. Joh. Pynchbek; cor. Joh. Rudyng; ch. Tho. fforde, Rob. Blubury; w. Rob. Oneley, Will. Whyte; mace, Joh. Seward.] Officers.

Joh. Pynchebek, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. Wyldegryse, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Wode. J.Ps.

[The same, except rec., with the addition of Thos. Bradmedow.] Key-keepers.

[In this mayor's time the Jesus mass was begun by this same mayor's exertions.]

Mem. quod in tempo*re* Joh*annis* Pynchebeke, maio*ris* tun*c*, fuit missa de J*hesus*[1] incepta p*er* labor*em* p*redicti* Joh*annis* Pyn*c*hebek a*nno* E*dwardi* q*uarti* q*uinto*.

JOHN GAWGE, MAYOR, 1466.

[2][Election of officers.] "Couentre." Jan. 25.

Tho. Brodmedow, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Ric. Wode, Rob. Brodmedow, Joh. Wyldgrys, Will. Peere, Joh. Ruyton, Tho. Ingram, Ric. Awstyn, Joh. Garton, Will. Dawe, Ric. Alde, Rob. Atturton, Joh. Elage, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bette, Joh. Morys, Will. Baxt*er*, Will. Cra*m*pe, Tho. Raves, Joh. Bayly, Joh. Gryme. Electors.

[m. Joh. Gawge; cor. Rob. Topclyffe; ch. Joh. Stevyns, drap*er*, Ric. Colyns de Radford; w. Tho. P*ar*ker, boch*ur*, Rob. Burnell; mace, Joh. Seward.] Officers.

Joh. Gawge, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Tho. Brodmedow, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Edm. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Ric. Wode. J. Ps.

ORDERS OF COUNCIL.

The meyre *with* hys brytheryn whose names *with* other gode worshypfull m*en* be a-fore wryton have ordenyd that all cha*m*burlens here-aft*er* comy*n*ge shall a-Coynt for ther offyse for the su*m* of lxvj li. & also that they shall have a-lowyd to hem but v s. for there cost*is* on Lamas The chamberlains to account for £66, and to have 5s. for

[1] MS. Jhc. The "Jesus Mass" or the "Mass of the Five Wounds," celebrated at the Jesus altar in St. Michael's on Fridays, was attended by the mayor before he went to the market, *v.* Sharp, *Antiquities* (ed. Fretton), 41.

[2] leaf 200, back. Scribe D. Joh. Thru*m*pton, Tho. Dowve, sheriffs.

Lammas Day expenses.

day for brekyng the Comyn pastur*es* longy*n*ge to the Cete of Covynt*re* at that seson of the yer*e*.

Measures, strikes and hoops to be delivered to the salters.

[1] Also they have ordenyd that the wardens Make ij str*ik*i*s*, ij halfe stryk*is*, ij hopes,[2] & let the salt*ers* have hem w*ith*-owt eny money; & the mesur*is* to be delyu*er*yd by the comyn seriant to delyu*er* hem selyd w*ith*-owt money-takyng therfor; & yffe the salt*ers* woll make moe mesurys the*n* they shall pay for the selyng of he*m*. Also they woll that no retaylers in the Cete take no hyr for the lone of stryk*is*, half-stryk*is* nor hopus lande[3] to the salt*ers*.

The mayor's caps.

Also they have ordenyd that the wardens shall have the rewle of makynge the meyr*is* cappus, & the olde stuffe to be kepyd to the town vse, & when they make a newe furryd cappe at the cost a-bove xiij s. iiij d. to be payd on the meyrys cost.

Measures for the oatmeal-sellers.

Also they have ordyned that the wardens shall make a stryke, halfe stryke, hope & halfe hope, gallon & potell & q*u*arte, the mesurs to be selyd & delyu*er*yd to the sellers of oton-meele by the comy*n* se*r*iant w*ith*-owt eny money therfor to be payd.

RICHARD WODE, MAYOR, 1467.

"Couentr*e*." Jan. 25. Electors.

[4] [Election of officers.]

Joh. Ruyton, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Brodmedow, Guy Wyston, Joh. Wyldegryse, Will. Pere, Tho. Brodmedow, Joh. Pynchebek, Will. Sau*n*ders, Ric. Awstyn, Will. Horsley, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Garton, Tho. Dowve, Joh. Illage, Rob. Atturton, Will. Stafford, Rad. Caldebek, Joh. Bayly, Joh. Thru*m*pton, Joh. Hadley, Laur. Walgrave, Will. Crampe.

Officers.

[m. Ric. Wode; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Will. Marshall, Joh. Hall; w. Tho. Pa*r*ker, Rob. Burnell; mace, Joh. Seward.]

[And further they ordain that the aforesaid sub-bailiff begin to clean up at the town-

Et vlt*er*ius volu*n*t & ordinant quod p*redict*us subball*ivus* ista septi*m*ana incipiat mu*n*dare ad fines ville

[1] leaf 201.

[2] A measure of corn, etc., of varying quantity, *N. E. D.*, where the earliest example bears date 1520.

[3] loaned, lent. [4] leaf 201, back.

ends. And so every week until all the town-ends are cleaned up.]

etc. Et *sic* qual*ibet* septi*m*ana quousq*ue* om*n*es fines plene mu*n*dantur (*sic*) *per* super*u*isu*m* Maioris etc.

[Ric. Wode, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. Ruyton, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes. J. Ps.

The same except the recorder.[1]] Key-keepers.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

[2][V. f. p. held before Ric. Wode, m., Rob. Onley, Will. Baxster, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 7 Ed. IV.] "Couentre." Apr. 4.

Joh. Ruyton, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedo, Will. Pere, Joh. Wilgris, Joh. Gauge, Tho. Bradmedo, Joh. Gryme, Ric. Austen, Joh. Garton, Ric. Alde, Will. Horseley, Rob. Atterton, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bailly, Joh. Bette, Tho. Dove, Joh. Illage, Joh. Catur, Will. Marchall, Joh. Hadley de Welstret, Joh. Hadley de Fletestret, Joh. Stephens. Jury.

Hit is ordeyned þ*at* Joh. Deist*er* make ageyn þe crosse in Shortley-feld[3] betwixt þis & Midsom*er* next comyng [or pay 40 s. fine.] The Shortley cross.

Also þ*at* þe Mair ordeyn iiij assiso*ur*s to sise þe watir at all Milles w*it*h*in* þis Cete betwixt þis & Whitsontyde next comyng etc. The mills.

Also þ*at* Joh. Lokhey & Will. Donyngton sufficiently amende þe fotewey towarde*s* Crab-tre-feld, which is ruynous, before their grounde which they ther hold, betwixt þis & þe fest of þe Inuenc*i*on of þe Holy Crosse, vppon peyn of either of the*m* xl d. A footway.

Also þ*at* þe wayt*is* of þis Cite, þ*at* nowe be & here-aft*er* to be, shall not passe þis Cite, but to abbott*is* & pri*o*urs w*it*h*in* x myles of þis Cite. The waits.

Also þ*at* þe wardeyns of þis Cite shall amend þe Clok and þe Chyme, & aft*er* þ*at* þe keper þ*er*of to kepe it well, vp þe peyn to lose his office. The clock and the chime.

[V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 7 Ed. IV.] "Couentre." Oct. 3.

[1] A note in another scribe's hand says that the leets for the mayoralty will be found in Will. Saunders' time on the sixth page following (leaf 207, back). The heading of the Easter leet is also found leaf 192.

[2] Scribe B, leaf 207, back.

[3] Near the Charter-house.

Jury.

Joh. Ruyton, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreue, Rob. Bradmedo, Ric. Boyes, Will. Pere, Joh. Wilgris, Tho. Bradmedo, Joh. Pynchbek, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Th. Ingram, Joh. Illage, Will. Dawe, Will. Stafford, Ric. Alde, Rad. Calbek, Joh. Garton, Ric. Austen, Will. Horseley, Tho. Brokes, Joh. Gryme, Rob. Atterton, Tho. ffoorth.

Bailiffs and Sheriffs.

[Joh. Hadley, Joh. Mores.]

Sir R. Byngham's Wyken tenants to have common of pasture.

Hit is ordeyned be auctorite of þis p*re*sent lete þat no Chamb*er*leyn frohensfurth distreyn, vexe ne troble eny of þe tena*unt*is of Ric. Byngham, knyght, & dame Margaret his wyfe in Wiken[1] for vsyng of their co*m*ien in Haselwode & Byllyngfeld, vppon peyn streitly to be punysshed be þe Meir for the tyme beyng. And þat such money þat hath be taken wrongfully of eny of the seid ten*aunt*is be eny Cha*u*mberleyn hertofor, that hit be restored to þe p*ar*ties greued etc.

"Sealers of Leather."

Also þat the Mair & his Counceill chose & depute ij serchers of ladder to be within þis Cite, on*e* a Girdeler, & ano*þer* a Coruis*er*, and they to be sworen befor þe Mair for þe tyme beyng yerly heraftur etc.

VISIT OF QUEEN ELIZABETH WOODVILLE.

Dec. 8.

[2] *Ann*o septi*m*o reg*is* Edward*i*.

The viij day off Decembr*e* the meyr*e* made a hall to wete what shuld be yeve to owre sou*er*en lady quene El[i]zabeth,[3] the wheche m*en* gra*u*ntyd a hu*n*deryd marke to be gederyd of eu*er*y warde in the sete etc.

Collectowres of Gosford-warde: Rob. Blewbere, Joh. Grove, Tho. Bower, Will. Cokkes. [£7. 14s. 8d.]

Jurdelwel-ward[4] *& Myllone:* Will. Hall, Will. Arewe, Joh. Fysher, Will. Jewderell, Will. Bau*m*burhg. [£5. 6s. 8d.]

Much-parke-strete-warde: Tho. Waren, Joh. Smyth, baker, Rob. Taskere, Joh. Coke, Will. Brydde. [£6. 13s. 4d.]

[1] Of Wyken and Middleton, *v.* Dugd. 88. For trouble about the Commons *v.* Introduction.
[2] leaf 202. Scribe D.
[3] Elizabeth Woodville (privately) married to Edward IV, May 1464.
[4] *Sic.*

Erle-strete-warde & Lytel-parke-strete: Ric. Alen, draper, Tho. Squiere, Ric. Orderyche, Rob. Jakys. [£8. 0s. 8d.]

Bayly-lane-warde & Hey-lane: Tho. Gryme, Geof. Ardurn, Will. Mason, Tho. Bayly. [£5. 2s. 4d.]

Brode-yate-warde: Tho. Napton, Joh. Crull, Har. Persale, Tho. Prist. [£3. 6s. 10d.]

Smythford-warde: Har. Dalby, Ric. Bower, Joh. Whyte, Ric. Drowthe. [£5. 6s. 8d.]

Spon-strete-warde: Joh. Hadley, Ric. Euerdon, Tho. Tate, Will. Bayly. [£7. 11s. 8d.]

Cros-chepyng: Rog. Radclyffe, Tho. Gardnere, Rob. Hardy, Tho. Wolffe. [£10. 2s. 4d.]

Bysshop-strete-warde: Laur. Walgrave, Rog. Browne, Joh. Arowe, Ric. Kockys, baker. [£7. 10. 8d.]

WILL. DAWE, MAYOR, 1468.

[1] [Election of officers.] Jan. 25.

Joh. Pynchebek, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Boyes, Rob. Brodmedew, Joh. Wylgrys, Will. Peere, Tho. Brodmedew, Joh. Ruyton, Ric. Awstyn, Joh. Garton, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Bayly, Will. Horsley, Will. Stafford, Rad. Caldbek, Tho. Dowve, Will. Baxster, Tho. Ingram, Joh. Mores, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Bette, Tho. Broke, Joh. Illage. Electors.

[m. Will. Dawe; cor. Rob. Topclyffe; ch. Rog. Radclyffe, Will. Thystelton; w. Joh. Semon, Joh. Wheton; mace, Joh. Seward. Officers.

Will. Dawe m., Hen. Boteler rec., Ric. Wode, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedowe. J.Ps.

The same.] Key-keepers.

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

[2] ¶ [V. f. p. before Will. Dawe, m. Joh. Hadley, Joh. Mores, b., on Thursday after the close of Easter, 8 Ed. IV.] "Couentre." Apr. 28.

Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Wode, Joh. Wylgris, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Alde, Joh. Gryme, Jury.

[1] leaf 202, back. [2] Scribe B.

Ric. Austen, Will. Saunders, Joh. Garton, Joh. Illage, Joh. Bette, Will. Stafford, Tho. Ingram, Joh. Bally, Rad. Calbek, Joh. Thrumpton, Tho. Dove, Rob. Onely, Will. Baxster, Tho. Raves, Will. Thistilton, Joh. Seman.

"Buts shooting."

Hit is ordeyned þat þe Butt*is* about þis Citie be made & þat noman w*ith*in þis Citie frohensfurth shote at Rovers,[1] but at butt*is* & standyng prikk*is*,[2] vppon þe peyn of xx s. & Inp*r*isonment aft*er* þe discrescion of þe Mair etc.

"None to misuse water at Conduits."

Also þat noman ne woman frohensfurth wasshe lomez[3] nor clothes at þe Cundit*is* nor fech watir þ*ens* to brue nor to stepe with, vp þe peyn of iiij d. at eu*er*y def*aut*.

"Ringing Curffue."

Also þat þe Clerk*is* of both Chirches ryng both daybell & curfewe in due tyme & þat þe Clok be duly kept, vp þe peyn of ij d. at eu*er*y def*aut* to be restreyned[4] of their wag*is*.

Butchers to share with their fellows wholesale bargains.

Also þat no Bochou*r* sell no fatte war*e* oute of þis Cite leuyng þe Cite destitute, and þat eu*er*y bochou*r* p*ar*te w*ith* other of stuffe bought in gret.

"Couentre." Oct. 1.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 8 Ed. IV.]

Jury.

Joh. Pynchebek, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Wode, Tho. Bradmedo, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Per, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Tho. Ingram, Ric. Austen, Joh. Garton, Rob. Att*er*ton, Joh. Bette, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bailly, Rad. Calbek, Joh. Illage, Tho. Dove, Joh. Seman, Tho. Parker, Will. Marchall, Joh. Hadley de Flete-strete, Rob. Bradmedowe.

Bailiffs.

[Ric. Colyns, Joh. Stephens.]

Orders of Leet. Butter buying.

Hit is ordeyned þat no householder frohensfurth bye no mor*e* butter þen he well spend in his owne house, vp þe peyn of xl d. at eu*er*y def*aut*.

"None to dig Clay at Spon market."

Also þat no man frohensfurth digge cley vppon Cheylesmor*e* Grene nor in þe high-weye betwixt Som*er*lesue butt*is* & Spon m*ar*ket, vp þe peyn of xl d.

Fullers to have distinctive marks for their cloth.

Also þat eu*er*y ffuller frohensfurth haue a m*ar*ke knowen from his neighbou*r*, & þat p*er*with he m*ar*ke eu*er*y cloth be hym fulled, vppon þe peyn who doth to þe contrarie to lese at eu*er*y def*aut* vj s. viij d.

[1] Marks at indefinite distances. [2] targets.
[3] Webs of cloth from the *loom*. [4] = kept back.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS, MAYOR, 1469.

[1][Election of officers.] Jan. 25.

Ric. Wode, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Brodmedew, Joh. Wylgrys, Tho. Brodmedew, Will. Peer, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pynchebeck, Joh. Gawge, Joh. Bette, Tho. Ingra*m*, Ric. Alde, Joh. Garton, Ric. Awstyn, Joh. Hyllage, Will. Horsley, Rad. Caldebek, Rob. Onley, Will. Baxst*er*, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Mores, Rob. Burnell, Will. Marshall. Electors.

[m. Will. Saunders; cor. Rob. Topclyffe; ch. Tho. Squyer, Will. Bayly, deyst*er*; w. Joh. Semo*n*, Joh. Wheton; mace, Will. Atkynson.] Officers.

Also they have ordyned that the wardens in the bygynnyng of the yer shall reparell the Smythford bruge & the howsyng ther-apon, & also to a-me*n*de the co*u*rse of the wat*er* vnd*ur* hyt. Smithford bridge. "Nota."

Also they woll that xx li. that hathe be payd by dyue*r*s chau*m*burlens ou*er* her extent of most oldyst dette that hyt be payd thys yer. Chamberlains' bad debts of £20 to be allowed them.

EASTER LEET.

[2]¶ [V. f. p. held before Will. Saunders, m., Ric. Colyns and Joh. Stevyns, b., on Monday after the close of Easter, 9 Ed. IV.] "Couentre." Apr. 10.

Ric. Wode, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bredmedowe, Will. Pere, Tho. Bredmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Austen, Will. Horsley, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Baile, Joh. Mores, Rob. Onley, Joh. Hadley de Welstret, Tho. Ingram, Joh. Bett, Will. Stafford, Joh. Illage, Joh. Hadley de Fle[t]-st[r]et, Tho. fforth, Tho. P*ar*ker, Tho. Brokes, Joh. Seman, Will. Thistulton, Joh. Straunge. Jury.

Hit is ordeyned by the autorite of this lete that no Carter bryng, ne Carre, hurdeles, coles, neyther secole ne charcole nor other wodde, vpon the Fryda, vpon the peyne to lese at eue*r*y defaute xij d. This ordinaunce to take affecte af*ter* pro*c*lamac*i*on Thereupon made iiij ffrydaes. No carter to bring in coal on a Friday.

[1] leaf 203. Scribe D. [2] leaf 207. A scribe of C type.

Surcharge of commons.

Also hit is ordeyned that the Chaumberlens of this Cite distreyne alle the persones þat ouercharge the Comyns, and brynge their bestes to the pynfold.[1]

TREASONS AND REBELLIONS.

[2]*By the kyng.*

Windsor, May 17. John Bawdewyn to be let out of prison, as he was ignorant of the treasonable contents of the letter he delivered.

Trusty & welebylovyd, we grete yow well; & where we commyttyd John Bawdewyn off Dortmowthe, cordwainere, vnto yowre warde for that he deliueryd in this oure Royaume a lettre wherinne was comprisyd treason, we vndyrstond now that he was not knowyng to the contenue[3] of the sayd lettre, but of innocence & simplenesse deliueryd it; wherfore & for that vs thinkyth that he hathe hade longe punusshement for hys said foly, we woll that incontynent apon the sight here-of, ye deliuer hym quite owt of prison, onlasse tha[t] ye have other cause of keping them [? hym]. This yeuen undur oure signet at oure castell of Wyndesore the xvij day of May.[4]

July 1, received July 4.

[5]A pryvy seall sende to the meyr the iiij day of Juyll anno ix.°

By the king.

Edward IV complains of sedition,

Trusty & wilbylovyd, we grete you wel; & for-asmuche as it ys come to our knowlache that dyvers malicious & ille disposyd persones, contrari vnto God & theire dueties, have cast & sowe in many & dyuers places of this our reaume, and yit continue dayly, vnfittyng and sedicious tales and langage amongus oure lege people to thentent to

and incitement of the people to commotions,

store and incens theym to rumour & commocion, not only to the grete offense off God & of their legens but also contrary to our lawes and pece & the comyn wele and pollicie of thys our lande; the whych, as we have cause, take to grete displesir: We wol & in the straytyst wyse charge yow that ye, by alle wayes and meanes to yow possible, put you in ful deuoire and diligence that yffe any

and charges the mayor to arrest any

[1] On the subject of surcharging v. *Life in an Old English Town,* 223 and Introduction. This year seems to have been one in which the reformers got the upper hand.

[2] leaf 203. Scribe D. A dot over the y is characteristic of this scribe. [3] = contents.

[4] Bawdewyn may have been a Lancastrian emissary.

[5] leaf 204, back.

suche sedicious folke come or may be fonde w*i*th*i*n yo*ur* jurisdicc*i*on, ye put theym vndyr a-rest and sur*e* warde so to remaigne vn-to the tyme we be s*er*tefyed theroff by yowe, yevyng yow in coma*n*deme*n*t what shall be do forthermor*e* for their punysshem*e*nt in that parte; not faylyng as ye love vs, and tendr*e* the comune welfar*e* off all this o*ur* reamne & subgett*is* of the same. Yeven vnd*er* o*ur* priue seal at o*ur* castell of Foderinghey the fyrst day of Juyll.

seditious person in the jurisdiction and keep the same until further orders arrive.

Dated at Fotheringay.

By the kyng.

A lett*er* vnd*ur* the kyngus signet sende to the meyr*e* the x day of Juyll a*n*no ix°.

July 5, received July 10.

Trusty & wilbyloved, we grete [yow] well; & for-asmuche as [we] be fully dete*r*mynyd to goo at this time in propr*e* p*er*sonne into the north parties of this o*ur* reame for the suppressing of suche ryott*es* as ben dayly com*m*ittid there, as well in assemblyng of o*ur* people as in makyng p*ro*clamac*i*ons co*n*trary to ther legens, & o*ur* pece; we therefor*e* desir*e* & pray yow that in all hast possibyl aft*er* the sight of thies o*ur* lett*ers* ye sende onto vs C archers well and defensible arayd to assist vs to the entent a-fore-sayde; not faylyng herof as our*e* esp[ec]ial trust is in yow, & as ye ten*d*re the wele of vs & of owr*e* sayd reame. Yeven vndyr o*ur* signet at o*ur* town of Stanford the v day of Juyll.[1]

A Commission of array for 100 men. "A c Archers to be sent to the king," who is determined to go against the Northern rioters in person.

Dated at Stanford.

A lettr*e* sende to the meyr*e* fro my lord of Warw*i*c the xij day of Juyll.

June 27. Earl of Warwick's duplicate letters received, July 12. The mayor's letter.

Ryhgt trusty and wil-belovyd frende [see duplicate for continuation].[2]

[1] The rebellions of this year are mysterious. Robin of Holderness took up the Percys' grievances. Montagu who received the Percys' earldom suppressed the rising. But a second rebellion under Robin of Redesdale—probably to be identified with Sir John or Sir William Conyers of Marske—was fomented by Warwick, and supported by the Nevilles. The rebels published a manifesto furnished by Warwick against evil counsellors; it was aimed at the Woodvilles. The rebels marched to the Midlands, divided Edward's Welsh forces under Pembroke from those the king had gathered in the Eastern counties, and defeated Pembroke at Edgcote near Banbury (July 26).

[2] Insignificant variations between the two copies are not noted. The mayor may have been a personal supporter of Warwick, but the second copy addressed to servants and well-willers implies a wide-spread agitation.

June 28, Warwick's letter to his followers received July 12.

[1]A lett*re* sende by therle of Warwyk to his *ser*vond*is* & wolwyllers w*ith*-in the cyte of Covyntr*e* the xij day of Juyn [2] an*no* reg*is* ix°.

Ryhgt trusty and wele-bylouyd, I grete you wele. Forasmiche as hyt hath pleasyd the king*es* gode grace to sende at this tyme for hys lord*is* & other his subgett*is* to atende a-pon hys hyghnes northward, & that bothe the rihgt hye & mihgty prince, my lord the duke of Clarens, & I ben fully purposid, aft*er* the sole*m*pnizac*i*on of the maryage by Godd*es* grace in short tyme to be hadde bitwene my sayd lord and my dohgt*er*, to awayte on the same & to drawe vnto oure sayd soue*r*en lord highnes, I therfore desire & pr*a*y yow that ye woll in the meene-tyme yeve knowlache to all suche felisshypp as ye mowe make[3] to arredy theym in the best wyse they can, & that bothe ye & they defensibly arrayd be redy apon a day's warning to ac*om*pany my sayd lord & me towardes the sayd highnes, as my speciall trust ys in yow, yevyng credens to this berer in that he shall open vnto yow on my bihalue; and owre lord haue yow in hys keping. Writon at London the xxviij[4] day of Juyn.

Therle of Warwyk & Salisbur*e*, grete cha*m*burlayn of England & capt*en* of Calais.

R. Warwyk.[5]

July 10, received July 13. Another commission hastening the execution of the first.

[6] By the kyng. A lett*er* sende the xiij day of Juyll.

More men if possible; and expense not to be considered.

Trusty & wele-bylovyd, we grete yow well; and woll and charge yow that Inmediatly aft*er* the sihgt of this oure lett*er*s ye sende vnto us suche me*n* in defensibly (*sic*) array as we late wrete vnto yow fore, w*ith* moe if ye godly may, w*ith*out fayling, alle expenses leyde a-parte, apon the faith & ligeance[7] ye owe vnto vs; & that in no wyse ye make any rising or assemblees w*ith* any p*er*sone what-so-eu*er* he

No riots.

[1] leaf 205. [2] Read July.
[3] "make toward theym" in the mayor's version.
[4] xxvij in the mayor's version.
[5] A very diplomatic letter. Warwick and the Duke of Clarence were at the bottom of the rebellions of this year under Robin of Redesdale. Warwick had been alienated by the Woodvilles' influence. Clarence stole over to Calais while the King unsuspectingly marched off against the Northern rebels, and at Calais (July 11) the marriage between Clarence and Isabella Neville took place. [6] leaf 205. [7] MS. ligenace.

bee, nor suffre any of oure subgett*es* w*ith*in our Cite of Coventr*e* to doo apon the sayd payne, withowt that we vndir our priue seal or signet or signe manuell co*m*mande yow to doo. Yeven vndyr oure signet at Newerk the x day of Juyll.

Dated at Newark.

[1] Those p*er*sons folowyng gra*u*ntyd 1 marke for 1 sowders for xx days to go to the kyng to Yorke a-gayns Robyn of Ryddesdale a*nno* ix°.

50 men sent to the King against the Northern rebels to be paid 8*d.* a day;

Will Sandurs, maior, Hen. Boteler, recordator, Ric. Wode, Ric. Braytofft, Edm. Brogreve, Rob. Brodmedewe, Joh. Wyldgrys, Tho. Brodmedewe, Will. Pere, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pynchbek, Joh. Gage, Will. Dawe, Ric. Colyns, Joh. Stevyns, Joh. Bette, Ric. Awstyn, Joh. Garton, Ric. Alde, Will. Horsley, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bayly, Rob. Atturton, Tho. Dowve, Symkyn Byrches, Tho. Broke, Tho. Forde,[2] Joh. Hoton, Joh. Hadley de Flete-stret, Joh. Semon, Joh. Grove, Tho. Strau*n*ge, Will. Kokk*es*, Will. Knyhgt, Rog. Glou*er*, Joh. Fysher, Will. Jawderell, Ric. Rede, baker, Tho. Wolffe, Ric. Bower, Tho. Napton, Rob. Burnell, Tho. Tate, Joh. Strange, G[*r*]eg. Heyne, Har. Barfote, Joh. Shemyn, Rafe Walker, Joh. Hastyng, Will. Bedon, Ric. Bedon, Hen. Banbere, Tho. Ruyton, Will. Pynchebek, Joh. Dorlyng, [3]Dorlyng, weu*er*, Joh. Arowe, Tho. Potell, Tho. Colyns, Joh. Philypp, Tho. Gryme, Joh. Bordale, Edm. Hadley, [3]Coke, sadler, Philyp Robart*es*, Will. Rowley, P*etrus* Clerkeson, Joh. Bladsmyhth, Tho. Ca*m*pyon, Ric. Edward, Tho. Roby, Joh. Hazard, Will. Bra*n*che, Lawr. Sandurs, Ric. Cokk*es*, baker, Lawr. Walgrave, Tho. Hyton, [3]Huet, weu*er*, [3]Huet, corves*er*, Ric. Wylson, [3]Godknave, cowp*er*, [3]Watford, girdeler.

Aft*er* thys grante they cowthe gete noe sowdere vndyr x d. a day, & so they were payd.[4]

but 10*d.* a day was asked.

[5] *Collectores de Gosford warde :* Rog. Glou*er*, Joh. Hastyng, Law. Sandurs. [£3. 17s. 4d.]

Collection for soldiers by wards.

[1] leaf 203, back. [2] Of the Fords of Ford's Hospital fame.
[3] Christian names blank.
[4] Very high wages. Probably Robin of Redesdale's grievances found sympathizers in Coventry.
[5] leaf 204.

Jurden-Well: Joh. Walton, Ric. Drake, Hen. Gefferey. [£2. 13s. 4d.]

Muche-parke-strete: Joh. Wylde, Ric. Fletcher, Rob. Crosse, Joh. Smyth. [£3. 6s. 8d.]

Irle-strete[1]*:* Ric. Alen, Joh. Swan, Rob. Jokys. [£4. 0s. 4d.]

Baly-lone: Ric. Wylson, Joh. Castell, Joh. Gryme. [£2. 11s. 2d.]

Brod-yate: Hen. Mason, Tho. Ruyton, Hug. Glouer. [£1. 13s. 5d.]

Smythford: Ric. Drowthe, Joh. Oldbere, Joh. Toty. [£2. 13s. 4d.]

Spon-strete: Joh. Emettes, Will. Godeladde, Ric. Tornour. [£3. 15s. 10d.]

Croschepyng: Tho. Gardnere, Nyc. Rondull, Will. Bolewyke. [£5. 1s. 2d.]

Bysshopp-strete warde: Ric. Cokkes, baker, Joh. Yale, Tho. Hyton. [£3. 15s. 4d.] *Sum*ma xxxiij li. vij s. xj d.

Total, £33 7*s.* 11*d.*

Also Wyllyam Sandurs, meyre beynge at that tyme, yaffe of hys owne money to this jorney v li. in relesynge of pore men that shuld have bore here part to this costys ward.[2]

The mayor gives £5 to spare the poor.

EDGCOTE FIELD AND AFTER.

The names of the Captains ward by ward.

[3] Those be the namys of captens ordenyd in euery warde for the savegard of this cete:

Gosford warde: Joh. Wylgrys, Rob. Blewbere, Joh. Fulbroke, Will. Knyght, Will. Cokkes, Joh. Stafford.

Jurden Wel-ward: Joh. Pynchebek, Ric. Alde, Will. Stafford, Tho. Broke, Huwe Pollard, Joh. Fysher.

Muche-parke ward: Hen. Butler, Rob. Atturton, Rob. Onley, Joh. Wylde, Joh. Bordale, Rob. Tasker, Joh. Smyth, bacster.

Irle-stret ward: Ric. Wode, Rob. Brodmedew, Tho. Brodmedew, Joh. Gage, Will. Dawe, Tho. Ingram.

Brode-yate warde: Edm. Brogreve, Joh. Ruyton, Tho. Hawnell, Tho. Napton, Raffe Freman, Tho. Ruyton.

Smyt[*h*]*ford warde:* Ric. Braytofft, Ralf Caldbek,

[1] = Earl Street. [2] Toward these costs. [3] leaf 205.

Joh. Thrumpton, Ric. Drowthe, Joh. Toty, corveser, Ric. Bower.

Spon-strete warde: Tho. Dowve, Joh. Shyrwode, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Smythe, Will. Pynchebek, Ric. Everdon.

Croschepyng: Will. Peer, Joh. Bette, Will. Horsley, Will. Marshall, Rob. Burnell, Nyc. Rondell.

Bysshop-stret warde: Joh. Hadley, Will. Baxster, Joh. Mores, Law. Walgrave, Joh. Yale, Rog. Browne.

Bayly-lane: Joh. Bayly, Tho. Hobbes, Tho. Gryme, Joh. Castell, Joh. Gryme, Gef. Ardurn.

July 22. Arms delivered to the captains,

[1] Delyuered to Rob. Onley on Mawdelyn day a. r. ix° a serpentyne with the chambur for the New-yate, & a honde gunne with a pyke in the ynde and a fowler.

Item, delyueryd to Joh. Hadley the same day for the Byssop-yate j staffe gunne & a [blank].

and to the mayor; who returns part of them to the town armoury.

Item, delyuered to Will. Saundurs, meyre, ij staffe gunnes, & a grett gunne with iij chamburs, iij jackes, & xxiiij arowys; *recepti* iij jackes and xxiiij arowys.

Item, delyueryd to Joh. Wylgrys[2] j gunne with iij chamburs [3] lyggyng at the towr [3] to the Fryres garden.[4]

Item, delyueryd to the Bysshopp-yate by Joh. Hoton a fowler.

Item, to Ric. Wode iij jackes & ij dosen arowes.

Item, delyueryd to Joh. Semon j newe jacke & a olde.

July 29.

By the kynge.

"Thankes from the King ffor the citty's sending souldiers redyly to his Aide."

Trusty & wel-belouyd, we grete yow wele, and thanke yow ryhgt hertly of the feythfull deuoir that ye haue put yow in at this tyme in sending to vs of suche felashipp out of our Cite of Couentre, to vs rihgt a-greable as ye haue don, wherby ye haue shewyd yow of tendre zele and effeccion to the wele & seurty of oure person to owre grete pleasir, which with [*illeg.*]. olde aproued tr[e]wthe vnto vs heretofor we haue and euer[5] will haue in oure tendre and herty remembrans. And for the same haue causyd vs to haue yow, as soo we wil, in the more trust and fauorable recommendacion at al tymes hereafter

[1] leaf 205, back. [2] "Pynchebek" deleted.
[3–3] Interlined. I am not sure if it refers to the gun Wylgrys has or to Saunders' jacks and arrows.
[4] The white friars. [5] "shall" deleted.

in any thing that we may doo for the wele of you & of oure said Citie in suche wise as ye shall thenke youre sayd acquitail and *ser*uice rihgt wel byset *with* Goddes grace. Yeuen vndr*e* oure signet at oure towne of Noty*n*ham the xxix day of Juyll.[1]

Dated at Nottingham.

[Lord Herbert (Earl of Pembroke) was taken in a battle by Banbury with Robin of Redesdale and his fellows on S. James' Eve (Jul. 24) 1469, and was taken to Northampton, and there beheaded, and Lord Richard Herbert likewise with others.

[On Aug. 12 in the same year Lord Rivers then Treasurer of England was beheaded at Gosford Green, and Lord John Woodville, his son, likewise; they had been taken at Chepstow.

[Lord (Stafford of) Southwick was taken at Bridgewater and there beheaded.

[Lord Humfrey Neville, knight, was beheaded in the north country in the same year, and his brother Charles and the bailiff of Durham at the same time.]

M*emorandum*, q*uod* d*omin*us Herber[2] fuit captus in bello iuxta Banbery cu*m* Robarto Ryddesdale & sociis suis in vigilia S. Jacobi ap*ostol*i, a. r. Edwardi ix°,[3] & fuit duct*us* ad villa*m* de Northeha*m*pton & ibi erat decollat*us*, & d*omin*us Ric. Herber simili*ter* cu*m* aliis.[4]

Item, xij° die Augusti eodem a*nno* d*omin*us le Revers[5] tu*n*c thesaurar*ius* Anglie fuit decollat*us* apud Gosfordgrene[6] & d*omin*us Joh. Wodvyle, filius eius si*mi*lit*er*, qui capt*i* fuer*un*t apud Chapstowe.

Item, d*omin*us Sothewyk[7] fuit captus ap*ud* Bruge-wate*r* & ibi decollat*us*.

Item, d*omin*us Humfridus Nevyle, miles,[8] fuit decollat*us* in le north co*un*tre eodem a*nno*, & Charlus frat*er* eius & balliuus de Duram eod*em* tempo*re*.

[1] Edgcote Field took place, July 26, before this letter was written.
[2] Will. Herbert, created Earl of Pembroke, 1468.
[3] S. James' is July 25. Authorities declare July 26 to have been the date.
[4] July 28. The execution took place by Warwick's order.
[5] Father of Queen Elizabeth Woodville.
[6] Mr. Tait (*Dict. Nat. Biog.* v. Neville, Richard, Earl of Warwick) gives Kenilworth as the place of the execution, but this Coventry evidence is very exact. Gosford Green was the place where Richard II forbade the Hereford-Mowbray duel to take place.
[7] It was a quarrel between Stafford and Pembroke just before Edgcote, and the consequent leading off of the former's men that weakened Pembroke's forces and caused his defeat.
[8] Member of the Lancastrian branch of the Nevilles, who, dissatisfied with the use Warwick had made of his victory, rose in rebellion. He was beheaded at York on Sept. 29, in Edward's presence.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

[1] ¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 9 Ed. IV.] "Couentre." Sept. 30.

Ric. Wodde, Ric. Braytoft, Tho. Bredmedowe, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bredmedowe, Joh. Wylgryse, Will. Pere, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pynchebek, Will. Dawe, Joh. Gauge, Tho. Ingram, Will. Horsley, Joh. Bete, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Morres, Will. Baxster, Joh. Illage, Ric. Alde, Rob. Onley, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Stafford, Rob. Atterton, Tho. Dove. Jury.

Adhuc de visu franciplegii tento ibidem coram Will. Saunders, m., (etc.) Ric. Colyns et Joh. Stevyns, b., (etc.) die Sabbati proximo post festum S. Michaelis archangeli anno Edwardi iiij^{ti} ix^{o}. Further of this leet.

Hit is ordeyned that the Chaumberlens of this Cite from this tyme forwardes be not charged more then after the very valowe and extent of this Cite. Orders of leet. Chamberlains' charge.

Also hit is ordeyned that no person from hensforth stoppe nor streyte the Cource of þe rever of this Cite Called Shirburn be Castyng, puttyng or makyng therin any maner weeres, demyngess, encrochementes or eny other manner,[2] or cast or put therin eny dust, donge, swepyng or eny other fylthe; Nor suffur no maner stuffe or filthe nowe brought downe be cours of the water of the seid Ryver, or herafter to be brought, a-yenes their lande or tenement ad-ionyng to the seid Ryver their to a-byde nor remaynyng in hurtyng the seid Ryver, but þat suche as nowe is thider brought be avoyded out of the seid Ryver by þe holder of the same lande or tenement within viij dayes next suyng after þe proclamacion of this lettre, and that all such as herafter shall Com down [be] like-wyse avoyded within viij dayes after the Commyng down þerof, vppon peyne whoso doth contrare to this ordenaunce to forfet at euery defaute xl s. to be levyed be the Meire of þis Cite for the tyme beyng, and to be applied be the discresion of hym & of the Justices of the pees of this Cite; and that the Meire of this Cite ȝerely for the tyme beyng at the lest ij tymes in his owne persone with the Dams, weirs and encroachments on the river forbidden; filth stopping the course to be taken away by those having lands or tenements adjoining thereunto. "Mayor to take Care that the

[1] leaf 207. A scribe of C type. [2] Probably word omitted.

River Shire-born be kept Cleane,"

Justice of þe pease of þis Cite ouer-se the seid Ryver þoroughly, and the defaulte þerin duly marke & due Correxion in that behalf do, for the Comyn prophite and avayle of þis Cite; [1] and that euery meyre herafter to be Chosen in this Cite be Charged in his Oth amongez other articulis to kepe this ordinaunce.

and take oath to perform this work.

"The mayor to Ride the bounds off the County once in three years."

Also hit is ordeyned that the lymytes and bondes of the shire of this Cite þis next yere suyng be the Meire then beyng be ryden and ouerseen so that the same lymyttes & boundes to be reformed yf nede require, and that like ouersight may be had & don euery iij ȝere for euer hereafter in eschewyng of varyaunce that for Ignoraunce myght fall herafter for default off knowlege in that be-half. fferther inasmuch as the Comen pertenyng to this Cite and to the hamels þerof, as hit is seid, [are] menused [2] & diuersly surcharged be default of good ouersyght, and also gretly hurt be swyne, which be the lawe haue no Comen, hit is therffore ordeyned be the auctorite aforeseid that no Maner person from hensfurth put eny Swyne or bestes not Comennable in the Comen of this Cite, nor in eny wyse ouercharge the Comen of the same to the vniuersall hurte of this Cite, vppon the peyn to forfet at euery defalt C s. to be [le]vyed and applied as is aforseid; and that euery persone that holdeth eny thyng in seueralte and enclosed, which of Ryght shuld be Common to the seid Cite and hamels or eyther of them, be opened & vnclosed afore the fest all Seyntes next Comyng, vpon the same forfetture of a C s. for euery Close wrongfully kept in seueralte in hurtyng to [the] Cominalte of this Cite.[3]

The commons are surcharged,

by swine, and also damaged

both which offences

are now forbidden under pain of 100*s*.

Encroachments on common to be given back.

Also hit is ordened that the wardens haue the prophite of the vij Gardens without the Gre[y]frere yate to the be-hofe of the Cite.[4]

The "seven gardens."

Also hit is ordened that the water place in Catesby lane be made, & an honest man to haue the kepyng of the key.

The water place in "Catesbe lane."

[1] leaf 207, back. [2] = minished.

[3] Clearly this leet was bent on reform. See p. 437 *sqq*.

[4] v. *infra*, p. 350. In 1422 the commons destroyed Julius (? Giles) Allesley's gardens without the Grey Friar Gate (Harl. MS. 6, 388, leaf 16).

BRISCOW AND THE COMMON LANDS.

[1] *Anno* ix° tempo*re* Will. Saundurs, maio*ris*.

Briscow encroaches with a wall on the river;

Will. Bryskow set a wall of sto*n* in the West-orchard vndyr a hows ou*er* the wat*er* of Shyrburn to ferre in the comy*n* rever; Wherapo*n* the meyre *with* hys brytheryn & there co*n*sell callyd the sherchers, sworen to *tr*ie the trowthe by-twyx p*ar*ty & p*ar*ty, & they by there othe sayde the wall was sette to ferre in the comy*n* reu*er* by a fote & more. Wherfore the sayde wall was take up a-gayne.

it is pulled down;

so he sues the mayor and commonalty in the county court. Wherefore it is remembered that he enjoys privileges of common, without right thereto.

Wherfore the sayde Wyll. Bryskowe toke a wrytt in Warwyk-shyre a-gaynes the meyre & the comy*n*alte of Couentre, Wherfore they reme*m*beryd that the sayde Wyllya*m* was sufferyd to ou*er*ley the comy*n* bytwyx Whytley & Couentre, & hade no comy*n* there, & sayde he shuld not so doe. & the meyre *with* his cou*n*sell sende for the sayde Willia*m* to yeve hy*m* knowlache that he shuld shewe what he hade to clayme suche comy*n* by; & there the meyre *with* hys cou*n*sell & the seyde Wyllya*m* were a-greyd that S*ir* Joh. Nedam, knyght & justyse, shuld cu*m* to the gro*un*de & bothe p*ar*tyes shewe to hy*m* there evydens. & on the evyn of Seynt Androwe the apostell the yer of kyng Edward the fowyrthe aft*er* the co*n*quest the ix yere, the sayd S*ir* Joh. Neda*m* cu*m* to the gro*un*de, & the meyre *with* hys brytheryn and there co*un*sell & mony worshypfull me*n* & comyners of Couentre also; and at that tyme Wyll. Bryskow had no evydens to shewe wherby he shuld comy*n* a thys syde the wat*er* of Whitley.

Sir J. Nedam, Justice of the Common Pleas, comes to arbitrate on Nov. 29, 1469,

but Briscow has no evidence to support his claim.

Many aged men declare that Briscow's father never pastured his cattle on the Coventry side of the water.

And on the Cytees part ther co*m* a-fore the sayde S*ir* Joh. Nedam mony agyt men that saydon Joh. Bryskowe, fad*ur* to Wyll. Bryskow, had neu*er* comy*n* a thys syde the wat*er*, but whe*n* hys catell was take a thys syde the wat*er* of Whytley they were broht to the pou*n*de, and there he payd to the cha*m*burlens off the cyte a fyne for hys catell.[2]

The sayde Wyll. Bryskowe, heryng al thys evydens

[1] leaf 206. Scribe D. The beginning of an interminable quarrel. v. *Life in an Old Eng. Town*, pp. 206 *sqq.* and *infra passim*.

[2] Margin has [illeg.] "laying open Lamas grounds."

Briscow understands that there will be trouble about another encroachment,

made by his father.

wold not take a-wey the catell goyng on the comyn tyll the Monday next after Seynt Androwes day, [and sayde] that he vndyrstode that the comyns of the cyte wold be on that grounde to make comyn suche a parcell of the comyn grounde, the whyche hys fadur hade take yn to a fyld of hys with dykyng and hegyng to kepe in severall tyl Lammas, the whyche parcell most be comyn al tymes off the yere. & that day the comyns brake down al the gardens lyngynge (*sic*) be-twyx the weye ledyng from the New-yate to the Whyte-fryre myll, & all the dychys and hegys from the Barons-fyld to the comyn grounde; & also a medew beyng vndur Whytley a thys syde the water[1] was broke up that day for hyt shuld be comyn at Lammas, & Wyll. Bryskowe hade kept hyt severall mony yeres to the hurt of owre comyn.[2]

Such is the case.

Divers enclosures are opened up,

notably one by Whitley Water.

THE PRIOR AND THE COMMON LANDS.

Dec. 6. Certain simple persons, commoners, break down hedges and open closes, notably Prior's Waste.

Item, on Seynt Nicholas day in the same yere, the comyns of this Cite, that were sympull persons, wenton & cast downe with-owt the Gray-fryre yate serten gardens[3] that were of the town rent & fyldes & closys of dyuers menys, and of the priores a lesow callyd the Priores-wast,[4] brake vp the hegis & in diuers places cast downe the dyke. Wherfore the priour was gretely grevyd & purposyd to have trowbelyd with the Cite. And the meyre with hys consell entretyd the sayde priour to shewe more ffavour to the Cite in-as-muche as no men off grett reputacion was wyllyng to that brekyng; & so plesyd the priour, & promysyd hym to have the sayd Priores-wast in seuerall al tymes of the yere for euer to hym & hys successours; and also that the sayde priour shuld haue in seuerall al tymes of the yere & for euer-more a parcell of grounde lyggyng withowt the Newe-yate that was a

The prior is angered,

but is eventually appeased by the grant of a piece of land near the New Gate.

[1] Alderford Piece on the Coventry side; it is still held by the owners of Whitley.

[2] *v.* Corp. MSS. F 3, and *Life in an Old Eng. Town*, 210–11, for the triumphant riot and procession with musical accompaniment which celebrated the opening of this enclosure.

[3] *v.* p. 348.

[4] v. *supra*, p. 46, where it says that at a great leet in this year Prior's Waste was made several to the prior.

tenement sum tyme that Tho. Lybard hyld & streysthyt[1] (*sic*) in lengthe to a garden callyd Paradyse garden,[2] & in brede fro the hye way ledyng towardes London by a lone goyng to the Lytell-parke, & to the Muche-parke; and al those persons whose namys folowyn were a-greyd to thys forsayd apoyntment made with the priour.[3]

The following persons agree thereunto.

Will. Saunders, m.
Har. Boteler, rec.
Joh. Gage, M. G. S. T.
Ric. Braytofft
Ed. Brogrove
Ryc. Wode
Rob. Brodmedew
Joh. Wylgrys
Tho. Brodmedewe[4]
Wyll. Peere[4]
Joh. Ruyton[4]
Joh. Pynchebek[4]
Wyll. Dawe[4]
[5]Tho. Ingram
Rob. Atturton
Joh. Bette
Ric. Austyn
Joh. Garton
Will. Horsley
Will. Stafford
Raffe Caldbek
Joh. Bayly
Ric. Colyns
Joh. Stevyns
Tho. Dowve
Rob. Burnell
Tho. Forthe
Rob. Atturton
Joh. Hadley
Joh. Thrumpton
Joh. Straunge
Rob. Blewbere
Tho. Raves
Tho. Hobbys
Will. Bedon
Joh. Bedull
Will. Hedde
Rob. Colins
Tho. Collett
Joh. Bentley
Joh. Wylkyns
Joh. Knyght
Will. Drewe
Wyll. Atturton
Wyll. Edward
Ric. Turnour
Wyll. Fyppys
[? Filyppys]
Rob. Alyssandur
Tho. Bayly
Nyc. Wyston
Joh. Wardropp
Tho. Campyon
Tho. Parke
Will. Bacster
Tho. Paunton
Tho. Smyth
Ric. Cokkes
Ric. Wylson
Joh. Cowper
Joh. Toty
Edm. Wylson
Joh. Gryme
Tho. Bekynham
Tho. Bacon
Joh. Fysher
Ric. Pulton
Joh. Bordale
Joh. Shemyn
Rob. Jekys
Joh. Assheburn
Hug. Pollard
Will. Thystelton
Phil. Robartys
Joh. Preston
Will. Polle
Tho. Squier
Tho. Parker.
Will. Knyght
Joh. Grove
Joh. Hastyng
Tho. Strange
Joh. Mores
Joh. Illage
Rawlyn Wryght
Joh. Emettes
Nyc. Brome
Tho. Colyns
Joh. Regnold
Rob. Crosse
Rob. Gardenere
Joh. Dowve
Joh. Lorde
Har. Mylle
Ric. Plumton
Ric. Nores
Ric. Spycer
Joh. a Man
Tho. Hampton
Har. Marlowe
Joh. Seward
Will. Myddelton
Joh. Bonde
Ric. Hethe
Joh. Hasard
Joh. Hukyn
Tho. Grene
Law. Hyron
Tho. Alen
Edm. Hadley
Will. Bolewyk
Tho. Wolpyner
Tho. Salbruge
Har. Persale
Tho. Newmon
Davy Chyrke
Joh. Philippus
Will. Kockes
Law. Saundurs
Ric. Oderyche
Tho. Hawnell
Har. Rogers
Joh. Gryme
Ric. Wylson
Ryc. Lancton
G[r]eg. Heynes
Rob. Topclyffe
Joh. Oldbery
Gef. Ardurn
Wyll. Pynchebek
Tho. Tate
Will. Elys

[1] stretcheth. [2] Still commemorated in Paradise Street.
[3] This piece is mentioned in the interpolations to the Survey of 1423, v. *supra*, p. 47.
[4] "verte folium" (turn the page) follows Dawe's name. All these are bracketed as "meyrys." [5] leaf 206, back.

Tho. Bagott
Har. Dalby
Py[e]rs Clerkeson
Will. Bowere
Ric. Drowthe
Joh. Bladsmyth
Will. Fysher
Joh. Notworthe
Rob. Gedlowe
Joh. Twygge
Joh. Ale, deyster
Joh. Castell
Har. Mason
Nyc. Maye
Joh. Nedam
Joh. Nyhgtyngale
Huw Glouer
Ric. Lee
Will. Adson
Rob. Garett
Joh. Clyffe
Will. Melody
Joh. Baron
Will. Cardyffe
Rob. Feyremon
Geuys Dohgty
Har. Colyns
Tho. Dolfyn
Tho. Norton
Tho. Gryme
Tho. of Owres
Joh. Forster
Edm. Barett
Ric. Drake

Rob. Lyndessey
Ric. Saunsom
Tho. Gardnere
Will. Marshall
Ric. Alen
Ric. Braytofft
Rob. Tasker
Joh. Smythe
Joh. Arowe
Joh. Godeknaue
Joh. Huett
Rog. Browne
Joh. Yale
Ric. Rede
Har. Alestre
Will. Walcote
Tho. Restell
Law. Borewell
Joh. Seman
Joh. Hoten
Ric. Bedon
Joh. Colyns
Will. Shore
Nic. Rondull
Will. Fawconbrugge
Tho. Napton
Joh. Coke, sadlere
Rob. Bowfyse
Joh. Alen
Will. Fletcher
Ric. Stokys
Joh. Neele
Joh. Poope
Joh. Feryremon

Joh. Dorling
Tho. Roby
Joh. Davy
Joh. Fremon
Will. Rose
Tho. Bayly
Ric. Tyler
Will. Partryche
Ric. Kynge
Rob. Stene
Ric. Petchey
Phil. Davy
Will. Braylesford
Huw Townesynde
Al. Bordemon
Tho. Cayche
Ed. Frekynton
Will. Meryhull
Joh. Wolmere
Joh. Hefford
Joh. Crowe
Will. Crowe
Joh. Marchall
Ric. Gene [? Grene]
Will. Cole
Joh. Wattes
Joh. Ostynton
Joh. Syngere
Rob. Grene
Joh. Bucston
Summa ij C & xvj persons on thys syde.[1]

WILL. STAFFORD, MAYOR, 1470.

Jan. 25. [2][Election of officers.]

Jury. [Many names torn off][3] Will Peere, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pynch[b]ek, Will. Dawe, Rob. Atturton, Tho. Ingram, Ric. Awstyn, Rob. Onley, Joh. Illage, Rad. Caldebek, Joh. Bayly, Will. Baxster, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Mores, Ric. Colyns, Joh. Stevyns, Law. Walgrave, Will. Marshall, Rob. Blewbery.

Officers. [m. Will. Stafford; cor. Rob. Topclyffe; ch. Ric. Pulton, Will. Elys; w. Ric. Braytofft, Ric. Alen; mace, Will. Atkynson.

J. Ps. Will. Stafford, m., Hen. Boteler, Joh. Gage, M. G. S. T. Ric. Braytofft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Wode.]

[1] 216 persons on this leaf.
[2] leaf 208. Scribe D. Much torn. It looks as if rats had gnawed the MS. just here.
[3] "Brodmedowe" deleted.

THE KING-MAKER AND THE LINCOLNSHIRE REBELLION.

By the Kynge.

Feb. 9, received Feb. 19. A commission of array from Edward IV. against invaders and rebels.

Trusty and wolbyloved, we grete yow well; and forsomuche as we be acertayned þat our rebelles & owtward enemies[1] intende in haste tyme to aryue in thys our Royaume, & that certain our subgiettes, there adherentes, contrary to there dute and legiance in diuers parties of our laude arredy & assemble hem-selfe for the reteyning of our sayd enemies & rebelles, so that yffe their malice be not in briffe tyme mightily withstonden, It myght growe to the grett Jupartie of vs & the destruccion of al our trew suggiettes: We ther-fore with alle diligence fully dispose vs by Goddes grace to go in our own person to resiste there sayde malicyows purpose, in the whiche it appertenith of very ryhgt & duete to euery our subgiettes to yeue on-to vs there assistens with bodies & godes; Wherfore we desir & pray yow & natheles in the straitest wyse charge yow, that ye do sende vnto vs persones hable & of power, wel & defensibly arayd to labour in our seruise, in suche competent now[m]bre as ye may goodly beere, sufficiantly wagyd for; & that they be with vs at our town of Grantham the xij day of Marche next coming to wayte apon vs in our sayd jornee; and, ouer that, þat ye charge euery person beinge within your liberte or franches hauing eny office of our yfte[2] or of our derist wyfe, the quene, for terme of hys lyfe, wherоff the wagis extende to iij d. by the day or a-bove, þat he com vnto vs in his persone, if he be of power to labour,[3] or finde a souffisant man for hym at the sayd day and plase, waged as aforn; & þat euery persone hauing moo offices than oon of our grant or of our sayd wyfe as a-boue with lyke fees or wages þat for euery suche office he finde vs a souffisant man, as hit ys afore-sayd; putting yow in suche deuoir for the premisses that we may

Able-bodied men, well and defensibly arrayed, to be at Grantham, Mar. 12;

every royal office-holder to go himself or find a man.

Pluralists to find a man for each office.

[1] A rebellion springing out of a private quarrel, but fomented by Warwick, broke out in Lincolnshire, Feb.–March 1470, under the Welles' family. Edward defeated the rebels Mar. 12 near Stamford at "Lose-coat Field." At this time Warwick and Clarence were at Coventry, and though summoned by royal messenger never went to Edward's succour. Ramsay, II. 348–50.

[2] *i. e.* gift. [3] = travel.

perceyue þat ye tender þe wele & suerte off vs & our sayde Royaume as ye wol onsuere vnto vs at your perilles.

Westminster. Yeven ondur owr signet at our paleys off Westm[ynstre] the ix day of Feuerer.

And this letter was brohgt to the meyre the xix day of Feuerer late in the evenyng.

SOLDIERS TO GRANTHAM.

£50 collected by wards to pay for soldiers to go to Grantham, [1] These be the wardys that were chargyt to pay 1 li. [torn] to Grantam a. r. *Edwardi quarti* x°.

Gosford-strete colectoures: Joh. Hastyng, Will. Kockys, Will. Branche, Ric. Plumton. [£5. 16s. 0d.]

Jurden-well colectoures: Joh. Fysher, shermon, Har. Gefferey, Joh. Hukyns, Will. Baumburgh. [£4. 0s. 0d.]

Muche parke-strete: Watkyn Browderer, Joh. Bordale, Joh. Stanlowe, Joh. Polle. [£5. 0s. 0d.]

Irle-strete: Will. Walcote, Will. Edward, Ric. Orderyche, Rob. Gedlowe. [£6. 0s. 0d.]

Bayly-lone: Tho. Colyns, Tho. Bayly, Will. Rowley, Tho. Roby. [£3. 16s. 0d.]

Brodyate: Tho. Napton, Joh. Crull, corueser, Har. Persale, Ric. Fynche. [£2. 10s. 0d.]

[Smytheford (torn)] Will. [torn] Ric [ ]re, Pyrs Cle[rk]son, Tho. Joyster, corveser. [torn.]

Spon-strete: Tho. Tate, Will. Hopkyns, Joh. Dorlyng, cappere, Alen Baker. [£5. 13s.] [2]

Croschepynge: Tho. Bogett, Ryc. Saunsom, Rob. Hardy, Joh. Neele. [£7. 12s. 0d.]

Bysshopp-strete: Tho. Botell, Rog. Brown, cotelare, Joh. Arowe, weuer, Joh. Huwett, corveser. [£5. 13s. 4d. Total £50. 0s. 8d.]

and £5 9s. 8d. from the hamlets. Hamlettes. Anstey & Shelton [received 13s. 4d.], Stoke & Byggyng [received 16s.], Wyken & Caladon [3] [received 16s.], ffolsyll [received 16s.], Exale [received 19s.], Radford, Sowe & Keresley [received 13s. 4d.], Stucheale [received 16s.],[3] Whytley.[4] [Total received from these £5. 9s. 8d. Total of the whole £55. 10s. 0d.]

[1] leaf 208, back. [2] Part torn away.
[3] Erasures. [4] Blank.

Payd here-of to sowders & to Tho. Warde xliij li. v s. viij d. Also payd for a *pe*re endent*oures* makyng by-twyx me[1] and the sowders xx d. — Paid out £43 5*s*. 8*d*. to soldiers; and 1*s*. 8*d*.

Lost of thys resett*es* lxx s. vij d.; [2]re*cepti* v s.[2] — Lost £3 10*s*. 7*d*. Received 5*s*.

[3][torn] that were sende towards the kyng to Gra*n*tam. — Oath of the soldiers going to Grantham.

[torn] lege lord & truly abyde *with* hym at bett*er* & werse; & truly p*er*forme hy[s com]man[dments? & n]ot depart fro*m* hym on-to the ynde of owre reteygn & tyll we may co*m* to the kyng [torn] . . es we shall duly attende & wayte a-pon Wyll. Shyppey, the meyr*es* se*r*iant. I sha[ll (torn)] q*u*arrell *with* no p*er*sone onresonabely a-monge owre-selffe, but be well rulyd, so helpe me [God &] holydam. — To be true to King Edward, and to refrain from quarrels.

SOLDIERS TO THE SOUTH COUNTRY.

Those be the ward*es* that were chargyd *with* a C marke to be leveyd for xl sowders that went *with* the kyng into the sowthe co*n*trey,[4] wagyd for a monthe, takyng eu*er*y mon xij d. by the day, the v day of Aprile a. r. x°. — £66 13*s*. 4*d*. for 40 soldiers to the south country; levied by wards, Apr. 5, 1470.

Gosford ward: vij li. x s.; lost hereoff . . . .[5] Joh. Grove, Tho. Strange, Joh. Knyght. — Receipts:— £7 10*s*. 0*d*., part lost.

Jurden-well: v li.; lost hereoff . . . .[5] Huwe Pollard, Joh. Smert, Will. Atturton, pynn*er*. — £5: part lost.

Much-parke-strete: vj li. xij s. Rob. Crosse, Joh. Smyth, bacst*er*, Rob. Bretford, baker. — £6 12*s*.

Irle-strete: viij li. x s. Rob. Jekys, Joh. Shemy*n*, Joh. Swan. — £8 10*s*.

Bayly-lone: v li. ij s. Will. Mason, corvese*r*, Tho. Chyrchemo*n*, [6]Hyton, shermon. — £5 2*s*.

Brodeyate: iij li. vij s. Ric. Lee, shermon, Raffe Fremo*n*, Tho. Hawnell. — £3 7*s*.

Lost in thys resett*es* iij li. vij s.[7] — £3 7*s*. unpaid.

[1] (?) The mayor or the town-clerk or Tho. Ward.
[2–2] Deleted. [3] leaf 209.
[4] After the defeat at Stamford, Warwick and Clarence, who had been accused by prisoners of planning to make the latter king, fled to Devonshire, and took ship at Dartmouth. Edward marched from York through Nottingham, Coventry and Burford to Exeter, which last he reached on Apr. 14. Ramsay, II. 352. He was at Coventry on Apr. 3–4.
[5] *i. e.* portion not paid. [6] Surname only given.
[7] xlvij s. vj d. deleted. The final deposit seems to be only 5*s*. 4*d*.

£5 7*s*. *Smythford:* v li. vij s.[1] Ric. Drowthe, Will. Taylo*ur*, bower,[2] Joh. Toty.

£7 10*s*. *Spon-strete:* vij li. x s. Ric. Euerdon, Turno*ur*, baker,[3] Will. Paynell.[4]

£10. *Croschepyng:* x li. Joh. Newmo*n*, Will. Rodburn, Joh. Deyste*r*.

£7 10*s*. *Bysshop-strete:* vij li. x s. Joh. Philyppus, Will. Benefell, Ric. Chapmo*n*.

Total £66 8*s*. Su*m*ma lxv li. viij s.

Paid out:—£59 0*s*. 0*d*. and other sums.

Payd hereof to sowdurs & to Tho. Warde lix li.; & to the lord constabull[5] iij li. vjs. viij d.; to the clerk of the m*ar*ket x s.; to Joh. Westbere v s.; to a tave*r*nere x s.; to ij me*n* that come to take wage*s* xx d.; to Tho. Gesskyn iiij d. Su*m*ma lxiij li. xiij s. viij d.

In all, £63 13*s*. 8*d*.

Indentures 20*d*.

Also payd for a p*er*e endent*ur*es makyng by-twyx me & the sowders xx d.

ARMOUR; SOLDIERS TO NOTTINGHAM.

[6]*Anno* x°.

July 6. Privy seal to inquire what weapons were ready, or could be made ready.

Hyt ys to have in mynde that a p*r*ivy sele was [torn] Jule whyche was wryton the vj day of Jul*e* to enqu[ere (torn)] arowys, arowe hed*es*, spere hedes & bill were [torn] redy, and what myght [torn] redy w*ith*in a monythe next folowyng of the wyche the meyre send to the kynge [torn] e.[7]

Aug. 8. Money levied by wards for 40 men to Nottingham:

The money þ*at* was leveyd to þe sowders that we[re se[8]]nt to þe kyng to Noty*ng*ham the viij day of August a. r. x.° The su*m* ys xl me*n*.

Gosford Warde: iiij li. xvj s. collecto*ur*s theroff, Rob. Blewbere, Will. Knyght.

Jurden-well ward: [£3. 0s. 0d. Joh. Fysher, Huw Pollard].

[1] vij li. x s. deleted. [2] Name of trade, *i. e.* a bowyer.
[3] Surname only given.
[4] "Joh. Reynold, Walker" deleted.
[5] Tiptoft, whose cruelties in this office made him execrated. He, of course, was accompanying the king on his journey.
[6] leaf 209, back.
[7] xlj li. xiij s. iiij d. deleted.
[8] Torn, supplied. A rebellion in the north under Lord Fitzhugh was got up to draw off Edward's attention from Warwick.

Much-park-strete: [£4. 0s. 0d. Ric. Pulton, Joh. Smyth, baker.]

Irle-strete ward: [£5. 6s. 8d. Ric. Alen, Will. Thystelton.]

Bayly-lone ward: [£3. 3s. 0d. Tho. Gryme, Tho. Bayly.]

Brodyate ward: [£1. 16s. 8d. Nic. Brome, Ric. Fynche, shermon.]

Smythford ward: [£3. 6s. 8d. Ric. Bower, Joh. Flynt.]

Spon-strete ward: [£4. 13s. 4d. Ric. Turnour, baker, Wyll. Godeladde, whytawer, Joh. Regnold, walker.]

Croschepyng warde: [£6. 19s. 0d. Will Marshall, Ric. Sansom, Tho. Bagott.]

Bysshopp-strete ward: [£4. 13s. 4d. Ric. Koxe, Tho. Hyton, Law. Borewell.] Summa xlj li. xiiij s. viij d., Anstey & Shelton [6s. 8d.], Stoke & Byggyng [8s.], Wyken & Caleton [8s.], Folleshull [8s.], Exale [8s.], Radford, Sowe & Keresley [6s. 8d.], Stucheale [6s. 8d.], Whytley [3s. 4d.], *recepti* xx d. Summa liij s. viij d. perdon*ati* iij d.

total, £41 14*s.* 8*d.*;

besides from the hamlets, £2 13*s.* 8*d.*

3*d.* forgiven.

Payd hereoff to the sowders & to Tho. Warde xlj li. vj s. viij d. Item, payd in reward to them that hade þer wold jakettes vij s. Item, dedit[1] ad le sowders ad bibendum xvj d. Item, soluti homini exspectanti pro wages iiij d. Item, paid a galon wyne vj d. Item, pro ale to þe sowders vj d. Summa solucionis xlj li. xviij s. Item payd for a pere endentures by-twyx me & þe sowders xx d. Lost in thys payment v li. xiij s. viij d.

Paid out:—
soldiers etc. £41 6*s.* 8*d.* and 7*s.*
To the soldiers for drink, 16*d.*
To a man on the look out, for wages, 4*d.*
Wine, 6*d.*
For ale to the soldiers, 6*d.*
Total £41 18*s.* 0*d.*
Indentures, 1*s.* 8*d.*
Lost £5 13*s.* 8*d.*

Hyt ys to have in mynde that a privy seall was brohgt to the meyre the xx day of Septembre, at thre of the clokke aftrenone; þe whyche was wryton the xviij day of the same monyth.[2]

Sept. 20.
A privy Seal; written Sept. 18.

[3][torn] sende to the kyng the xx day of Septembre anno x°.

Sept. 20.

[1] *Sic.* Who gave?

[2] Warwick persuaded his brother, Montagu, to go over to the Lancastrians. Warwick landed at Dartmouth on Sept. 13 and proclaimed Henry VI. Edward fled from Lynn to Holland, Oct. 3. Ramsay, II. 357.

[3] leaf 210. From the fact that they prepared to send soldiers seven days after Warwick's landing it is clear that the citizens remained loyal to Edward until his flight.

[*Gosford-street*]: Law. Walgrave, Joh. Knyght. iiij li.

£4 12*s.* 0*d.* xij [torn].

£3 10*s.* *Jurden-well:* Will. Wolman, Joh. Smerte. lxx s.

10*s.* lost. p*er*d*iti* x s.

£4 0*s.* 0*d.* *Mucheparke-strete:* Ric. Fletcher, Tho. Campyon. iiij l.

£5 6*s.* 8*d.* *Irle-strete:* Rob. Jakys, Will. Coton. v li. vj s. viij d.

£3 3*s.* 0d. *Bayly-lone:* Joh. Gryme, Joh. Castell. iij li. iij s.

£1 16*s.* 8*d.* *Brode-yate:* Raffe Fremo*n*, Joh. Crull. xxxvj s viij d.

Smythford: Rob. Gardn*er*e, taylo*ur*, Ric. Drowthe,

£3 6*s.* 8*d.* iij li. vj s. viij d.

£4 13*s.* 4*d.* *Spon-strete:* Will. Paynell, Will. Fy[li]ppus. iiij li. xiij s. iiij d.

£6 19*s.* 0*d.* *Croschepyng:* Rob. Colmon, Nyc. Rondull. vj li. xix s.

Bysshop-strete: Joh. Huwet, corves*er*, Joh. of Owrys.

£4 13*s.* 4*d.* iiij li. xiij s. iiij d.

Su*m*ma de re*ceptis*.[1]

CHRONICLE. LANCASTER REDIVIVUS.

Lent, Mar. 7. Apr. 21. Welles beheaded. Warwick and Clarence in France. July 1470.

[2] In the Lenton when Wyll. Stafford was meyr*e* [torn] the lord Wellys were by-hedyd.[3] þe duke of Clarans & the yrle of Warw*ic* w[torn] o[wt] of þe londe & went to þe kynge off Franse; & þ*er*e were gretly cheryshyd; & þ*er* was a m[arriage m]ade by-twyx p*rinse* Edward & a dohgt*er* off þe sayd yrle of Warw*ic*.[4] & in the monthe

They with the Bastard land at Exeter Sept. 13,

of Sept[embre (torn)] þe sayd duke & yrle w*ith* þe yrle of Oxynford,[5] þe yrle off Pembroke, brother to kyng Harr*e*, the Bastard ffawkynbruge,[6] comyn a-londe at Ex[?mouth[7] (torn)]. So the*n* there drewe to hem muche

and come to Coventry 30,000 strong.

pepull, or they co*m* to Couentr*e* they were xxx thowsand.[8] [Ky]ng Edward laye at Notynha*m*,[9] & sende for lordes & all o*þer* me*n*; but ther com so lytell pep[ull (torn)] to

[1] Blank. [2] leaf 210, back.

[3] Welles was beheaded at Huntingdon before the royal troops defeated his son Robert Welles' army at Stamford (Lose-coat Field).

[4] Anne Neville, afterwards wife of Richard III.

[5] Joh. de Vere.

[6] Son of Will. Neville, Lord Fauconberg, Warwick's uncle. Shakespere's Bastard Faulconbridge has got into John's reign.

[7] Part landed at Plymouth and part at Dartmouth.

[8] Ramsay has no mention of this. Warwick must have gone *via* Coventry to London.

[9] This confirms Stow. Ramsay thinks Doncaster. *ib.* 356.

hym that he was not abyll to make a fylde a-gaynes hem; & then he with the yrle [R]evers,[1] þe lorde Hastyng,[2] þe lord Haward[3] & the lord Say[4] went to Lynne & þer goton hem shyppes [&] sayledon to þe duke of Borgoyne, the whyche duke hade weddyd kyng Edwardes syster, the lady Margete. & then þe duke of Clarans, þe yrle of Warwic, þe yrle of Oxynford, þe yrle of Shroysbere,[5] the lord Stanley,[6] the bysshoppe of Yorke,[7] went to þe towre at London, & sett owt off prison kyng Harre the syxt; þe whyche hade be ix yere & a halfe & more as a prisonere, & brohgt hym to þe bysshoppes palys at Powlys in London, & made hym þere to take on hym to be kyng as he was a-fore-tyme. & then was the yrle of Wyrseter[8] by-hedyd at London. & after Cristmas Sir Rog. Vahgan was byhedyd at Chapstowe. & þe quene that was wyfe to kyng Edward, with hyr moder, the duches of Bedford,[9] toke seynt-wary at Westmynster, & there þe quene was lyght of a son þat was crystonyd Edward.

Edward IV. with his adherents sailed from Lynn to the Duke of Burgundy on Sept. 29.

Warwick takes Henry VI. from the Tower Oct. 6,

to the bishop's palace at S. Paul's, London, and makes him king again.

Oct. 18. Tiptoft beheaded. Queen takes sanctuary.

Edward V. born Nov. 2 or 3.

TOWN BUSINESS.

R. Wode, grocer.

12 Apr. delivered to the wardens a silver escutcheon with a collar of silver, which was ordered for one of the waits of the town of Coventry.

[10] Mem. quod Ric. Wode, grocer, deliberauit xij° die Aprilis a. r. Edwardi quarti x° Ric. Braytoft Jun. & Ric. Alen, guardianis, vnum scochyn argenti cum colerio argenti quod ordinatum erat pro vno de le waytes ville de Coventre.

[1] Anthony Woodville, the queen's brother, beheaded 1483.
[2] Beheaded 1483 by Richard (afterwards) III.
[3] John, Lord Howard, descended from the Mowbrays, the first (Howard) Duke of Norfolk, killed at Bosworth, 1485.
[4] Will. Fiennes, killed at Barnet, 1471.
[5] Joh. Talbot.
[6] Tho. Stanley, who played such a memorable part at Bosworth. He married 1st Warwick's sister, 2nd the Lady Margaret, mother of Henry VII.
[7] George Neville.
[8] The "Butcher." In the preceding year he had impaled some of Warwick's sailors after execution.
[9] Jacquette of Luxembourg, Bedford's widow, married to Lord Rivers. During Edward's imprisonment at Warwick, Aug. 1469, a charge of sorcery, of making leaden images of the king and queen, and bewitching Edward into marrying her daughter, had been levied against her. Ramsay, ii. 347.
[10] leaf 209. I have sacrificed strict chronology to subject matter.

Repairs of road at Whitley.

[1]Those be the namys of them that were a-greyd that sonde shuld be sette at the comyn gronde a thys syde Whytley to mendyng of the pament a thys syde the sayd Whitley ledyng to Coventre. Will. Stafford, Will. Dawe, Ric. Braytofft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Brodmedew, Tho. Brodmedewe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pynchebek, Joh. Gage, Will. Sandurs, Ric. Awstyn, Joh. Bette, Symkyn Byrche, Joh. Semon, Rob. Blowbere, Rob. Onley, Joh. Mores, Rafe Caldebek, Joh. Thrumpton, Tho. Ingram, Joh. Hadley, Ric. Colyns, Rob. Burnell, Tho. Forthe, Huw Pollard, Joh. Fysher, Will. Shore, Tho. Hampton, Will. Pynchebek, Will. Elys, Jeff. Ardurn, Will. Thystelton, Ric. Alen, Joh. Smythe, Law. Sandurs, Rog. Holyes, Will. Bowere, Ric. Bowere, Har. Alestre, Tho. Pryst, Tho. Napton, Ric. Euerdon, Joh. Shemyn, Will. Rowley, Ric. Lee, draper, Nyc. Hall, Gelam, goldsmyth,[2] Tho. Tate, Will. Mason, Will. Koxe, Joh. Hastynge, Ric. Wildy, Joh. Atturton, Tho. Bagotte, Joh. Emottes, Joh. Grove.

TOWN BUSINESS; THE LEETS, ETC.

"Couentre." Apr. 28.

[3]¶ [V. f. p. held before Will. Stafford, m., Rob. Burnell and Tho. ffoorth, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 10 Ed. IV.]

Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bredmedowe, Joh. Wylgris, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Pere, Joh. Pynchebek, Will. Dawe, Will. Saunders, Rob. Atterton, Tho. Ingram, Joh. Stephens, Joh. Garton, Will. Horseley, Joh. Thrumpton, Tho. Dove, Joh. Hadley, Rob. Onley, Ric. Colyns, Will. Thistilton, Will. Elys.

Privies and pigsties on the Red-ditch to be removed,

or 6*s.* 8*d.* fine.

Hit is ordeyned at þis present lete þat all seges & swynstyes set vppon þe Reddych fro þe Greyfrere-lane vnto þe Jurden-well be vtterly voyded awaye within þis fourtenyght, vp þe peyn of euery man þat hath eny there to lese vj s. viij d.

Goats not to go at large.

[Ordained] þat no maner man within þis Cite haue frohensfurth Gottes goyng at large neither afore þe

[1] leaf 210. [2] Name or trade.
[3] leaf 210, back. Scribe B, or of B type.

Cowherd nor elles-where, but þat they tye them at home, & in feldes, conciderynge þe dayly hurt þat cometh be them, vp þe peyn to lese þe value of þe Gottes, etc.

[The mayor shall command the common sergeant to find four or six labourers to cleanse the Red-ditch, and compel those having land adjoining to pay][1] but yf such person woll clense afore his grounde hymself; and þat þe seid seriant ordeyn a Carte to voide all þe muk lying in the Mych-parke-strete at ye Red-dich, euery hall durre to pay þerto j d. and euery Cotyer ob.

Red-ditch

to be cleansed.

Also they afferme þe olde ordenaunce made for Bochour dogges, þat they tye them ouer nyght, vppon the peyn of olde tyme sett.

"Butchers dogs."

Also hit is ordeyned þat a ȝate be made aȝeyn at þe wasshyng place in Catesby lane be Margery Boyes þat caused hit to be broken, & þat betwixt þis & Midsomer next comyng, vp þe peyn of C s. to þe vse of þe Mairealte to be rered; and þat þe seid ȝate be lokked ouer-nyght, þat filth be not cast into [the] Ryuer, & an honest man there to haue þe kepyng of þe key & to open the ȝate at tymes & season requysite.

M. Boyes to make the gate at the washing place,

or 100s. fine;

gate to be locked overnight.

¶ [2][V. f. p. held on Monday before S. Dionysius 1470.]

"Couentre."

Michaelmas leet. Oct. 8.

Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Ric. Wode, Rob. Bredmedowe, Joh. Wilgrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Dawe, Will. Pere, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Bette, Ric. Austen, Joh. Garton, Will. Horseley, Rad. Calbek, Rob. Onley, Joh. Hadley, Tho. Dove, Joh. Mores, Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Stephens, Tho. Brokes, Tho. Parker.

[Joh. Seman, Rob. Blubery.]

Bailiffs and Sheriffs.

Hit is ordeyned at þis present lete þat no ffysshemonger bye noo Butter in þe market to sell hit ayeyn be wey of regratry, vppon the peyn to lose at euery defaut vj s. viij d.

Regratry; 6s. 8d. fine.

Also hit is ordeyned þat all lynnen drapers resortyng to þis Cite ffromhensfurth shall stand & sell their Cloth in þe draperye so þat they stoppe no lyght, vppon þe peyn who doth to þe contrarie to lese at euery defaut vj s. viij d.

"Linnen Drapers" and the Drapery.

6s. 8d. fine.

[1] "euery hall durre j d, euery cotier ob." deleted.

[2] The date is put instead of the regnal chronology, which was then in a chaotic condition. Hen. VI. was restored Oct. 9.

JOH. BETTE, MAYOR, 1471.

[1] [Election of officers.]

Jan. 25, 49 H. VI. at S. Mary's Hall. Jury of 33.

Will. Dawe,[2] Ric. Braytoft,[2] Ed. Brogreve,[3] Rob. Brodmedew,[3] + Tho. Brodmedew, Will. Peere,[3] Joh. Ruyton,[3] + Joh. Pynchebek,[3] Joh. Gage,[3] + Will. Sandurs, Tho. Dowe,[4 5] Ric. Awsty[n],[4 6] Joh. Garton,[2] + Will. Horsley, Will. Baxter,[2] + Ric. Colyns, Joh. Hadley,[3] Joh. Mores,[2] Joh. Thrumpton, Rad. Caldebek,[2] Rob. Onley,[2] Rob. Burnell,[2] Tho. fforthe,[3] + Lau. Walgraue, Will. Stafford,[2] Joh. Semon,[2] Rob. Atturton,[3] Joh. Hoten,[2] Tho. Parker,[2] Ric. Alen,[3] Ric. Braytofft,[2] Tho. Ingram,[3] J. Gryme

New officers.

electus in camerarium.

[m. Joh. Bette; cor. Rob. Topclyffe; ch. Joh. Gryme, Will. Northampton; w. Ric. Alen, Tho. Tate; mace

J. Ps.

Will. Atkynson.

Joh. Bette, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Will. Dawe, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytofft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Brodmedewe.]

LANCASTER RESTORED. EXPEDITION TO FLANDERS.

[Feb. 22. received Mar. 8. [The mayor received a letter from King Henry for soldiers.]

Mem. quod viij° die Marcii maior recepit litteram a rege[7] missam que scripta erat xxij° die Februarii apud Westmonasterium pro soudores.

Mar. 9. Collection for expedition to Flanders.

[8] The ix day of Marche a. r. [Hen. VI.].[7] Those be the charges that the wardes be chargyt [(torn) E]rle off Warwic to goe with hym into Flandres[9] for to mont [torn] en [torn].

Assessed £7 10s. 0d., received £2 0s. 0d.

Gosford Warde: Colecturs, Joh. Hastyng, Joh. Smythe, baker, Ric. Plumton, smyth. vij li. x s. Inde recepti xl s.

[1] leaf 211. Much torn. Scribe D.
[2] "g" follows these names (?).
[3] "f" follows these (?). [4] Torn.
[5] Tho. Ingram deleted. [6] Rob. deleted.
[7] Henry VI., whose 49th regnal year dates from Oct. 9, 1470—Apr. 14, 1471.
[8] leaf 211, back.
[9] Louis XI. had enticed his Lancastrian allies into a war with Burgundy, which probably would not be popular with wool merchants, but might be more so with craftsmen.

[*Jorden Well:* Will. Attur[ton], Joh. Fysher, shermon,[1] Tho. Sandon. £4. 12s. 0d. received £2. 3s. 8d.

Much-park ward: Rob. Crosse, Rob. Tasker, Joh. Poll, corveser, £6. 12s. 0d. received £2. 2s. 10d.

Earl Street: Phyl. Robartes, Ric. Stokys, Tho. Perey, £8. 10s. 0d. received £7. 11s. 9d.

Bayly Lane: Ric. Wylson, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Wattes, £5. 6s. 0d. received £3. 13s. 4d.

[*Broadgate*]: Tho. Napton, [Joh. C][2]rull, corveser, [ ][2] Bredon, sadler, £3. 10s. 0d. received £3. 3s. 2d.

Smithford [*Street*]: Ric. Drowthe, Pet. Clerkeson, Joh. Seward, £5. 7s. 0d. received £4. 9s. 11d.

Spon Street: Will. Pynchebek, Joh. Emottes, cappere, Jas. Bayly, barker, £7. 10s. 0d. received £2. 15s. 11d.[3]

Cross Cheaping: Tho. Wolfe, Joh. Sessyle, Will. Rodburn, £10. 0s. 0d. received £8. 10s. 0d.

Bishop ward: Joh. Huett, corveser, Joh. Arowe, weuer, Ric. Chapmon, weuer, £7. 10s. 0d. received £3. 0s. 0d. [Total £66. 7s. 0d.] þer ys onpayd of thys sum xxvj li. xvj s. v d.

Total assessed, £66 7*s.* 0*d.* Unpaid £26 16*s.* 5*d.*

fforens. [Anstey and "Shelton" 13s. 4d., Stoke and "Byggyng" 16s. 0d. Exhall £1. 0s. 0d., Stivichall[4] 16s., Wykyn and Caludon 16s., Foleshill 16s., Radford and Keresley 13s. 4d., Whitley 3s. 4d.]

The hamlets.

Payd hereoff to Har. Baker & to xl sowders for ij monthes wages vj d. a day, summa lvj li., & to Har. Baker iij li. & for ij Jakettes to the sowders xl s. Summa lxj li.

Paid out:— 40 soldiers for two months at 6*d.* a day, £56 0*s.* 0*d.*; Har. Baker £3 0*s.* 0*d.* for jackets £2 0*s.* 0*d.* total £61 0*s.* 0*d.*

THE CITY FORTIFIED.

Delyueryd to Rob. Brodmedew & hys felowys by Ric. Alen to Cheylesmore yate a gun & ij chamburs,[5] a honde gun & xxxij pelettes.[6]

A gun; 32 pellets;

Delyueryd to Rob. Onley a serpentyne gun & a staffe gun, & xvj pelettes & a chambur to a gun.

a cannon, 16 pellets, etc.:

[1] "Joh. Smerte" deleted.
[2] torn.
[3] It may be lv (55), but it is indistinct.
[4] "Stucheale."
[5] A charge piece to put into the breach of a gun. This fortification meant preparations against Edward IV. who landed at Ravenspur Mar. 14.
[6] Missiles for cannon.

a great gun.

Delyu*er*yd to Joh. Wylgrys a grett gu*n*ne & a cha*m*bur therto & a staffe gu*n*ne & a bagge *with* þ*s*.[1] . . . . . .

Delyu*er*yd to Will. Sau*n*durs & Tho. Dowve . . .[2]

The mayor received from W. Saunders £3 15*s.* 0*d.*, from the recorder the town clerk and Rob. Atterton £1 0*s* 0*d.* each from the gild £51 12*s.* 4*d.* whence £66 13*s.* 4*d.* was lent to Warwick.

LOAN TO WARWICK.

Item, Joh. Bette, maior, r*ecepit* de Will. Sau*n*durs iij li. xv s. Item, de Hen. Boteler, xx s. Item, de Sim. Birches & Rob. Atturton xx s. Item, de gilda lj li. xij s. iiij d. Vnde p*rest*i*ti* [sunt] d*omi*no Ric. Nevyle lxvj li. xiij s. iiij d.[3]

SOLDIERS FOR WARWICK TO BARNET.

[4] [torn] of M*ar*che.

[torn] w*ith* gode wyll thys money to sowders goyng w*ith* my lord [torn and erased.]

Gosford warde.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Joh. Wylgrys		5	0
Joh. Stevyns[5]			
Will. Knyhgt		1	0
Joh. Grove		1	0
Tho. Str*a*nge			8
Law. Sau*n*durs			6
Joh. Hastyng[5] [6]			
Will. Koxe[5]			

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Joh. T*ur*selya*n*			4
Tho. Hyde			4
Joh. Leder			3
Joh. Dowve			4
Rob. Steyne			6
Rog. Sutton			4
Joh. Eston			4
Tho. Polle			4

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Tho. Shene			2
Ezabell Gage			4
Joh. Marshall			2
Mat. Bax*ter*			2
Joh. Knyght			6
Joh. Smythe			8
[total 12*s.* 11*d.*]			

Jurden-well warde.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Joh. Pynchebek		5	0
Will. Stafford[5]			

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Tho. Broke		1	8
Joh. Fysher[5]			

	£	*s.*	*d.*
It*em* de vx*ore* Ric. Alde		1	0

[7] Muche-parke-strete.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
[Hen.] Boteler		5	0
[Symky]n Birches[8]		1	8
[Rober]t Atturton[9]		2	0

	£	*s.*	*d.*
R[obe]rt Onley[9]			
R[ic] Braytofft		1	4
Ri[c] Pulton[9]			

[received from collectors 8*s.* 2*d.* total 18*s.* 2*d.*]

[1] (?). [2] Blank.

[3] 100 marks, see below p. 420. Warwick was at Coventry Mar. 27, and he must be the Lord Ric. Neville intended. Edward IV. offered him battle at Coventry Mar. 29, and again Apr. 5. Ramsay, II. 367–8. In the interval Edward had been reinforced by Clarence, the deserter.

[4] leaf 212. [5] Blank. [6] *v.* p. 372 (Mic. Leet).

[7] Gosford deleted. [8] The town clerk. [9] Torn.

Irle-strete-ward.

	£	s.	d.
Will. Dawe		5	0
Rob. Brodmedow		5	0
Joh. Gauge		5	0
vx*or* Ric. Wode		1	8
Tho. Ingram		3	0
Joh. Shippey			6[1]
Joh. Bothe			4
Nyc. Hall		1	0
ffyl. Drape[r]			8
Joh. Whyte			4
Wyll. Webbe			2
[2]Gylmy*n*, taylour			4
Ric. Lee, d*r*ap*er*		1	0
Tho. Colclohe			4
Joh. Deyst*er*,			
sherm*on*			4
[3]Lancroff,			
cha*un*lere			4
[3]Elyot,			
taue*r*ne*r*e			4
ffel. Rob*er*t		1	0
Will. Arnold			2
Joh. Garton		1	0
Joh. Prest*on*			8
Joh. Shawe			4
Rob. Jekys			8
Will. Farthe,			
sherm*on*			4
Joh. Davy			6
Tho. Sq*u*iere			8
Ric. Edward			4
Ric. Stokys			6
Joh. Shemy*n*			8
Will. Bowlond			8
Ric. Coke, m*er*c*er*			8
Tho. Fletcher			8
Ric. Alen			8
Will. Thystelton		1	2
Joh. Swan			10
Joh. Wylde		1	0
Will. Edward			6
Will. Walcote			6
Ric. Oderyche			6
Joh. Semon		3	0

[£2. 7*s.* 4*d.*]

[4] Bayly-lone.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Gryme			6
Joh. Castell			6
Ric. Wylson			6
Will. Rowley			6
Joh. Clyffe			6
Tho. Roby			4
Joh. Marsharre[5]			2
Tho. Hobbys			10
Rob. Burnell		1	8
Will. Mason		1	0
Mores John[6]			4
Ric. Halyday		4	0
vx*or* Tho. Jakemo*n*			8
Joh. Crosse*s*			4
Joh. Mason, py*nn*ere			4
Annes Gryme			6
Tho. Chyrchemo*n*			4
Joh. Crowe			2
Raffe Plume*r*e		1	0
Tho. Colyns			8
Tho. Okam			4
Will. Warne*r*e			2
Rob. Grene			2
Har. Alestre			4
Joh. Ardale			8
Geff. Ardurn			8
Joh. Pery, corvese*r*			4
Tho. Plont			8
Ric. Barnbroke			4
Geff. Graystok			2
Joh. Hony			4
Will. Hony			2
Joh. Cowp*er*			4
Rob. Smyth			4
Tho. Bayly			6
Joh. Tyllesley			2
Ric. Lau*n*cton			2

[total 17*s.* 0*d.*]

Smythford warde.

	£	s.	d.
Ric. Braytoft [torn]			
Rob. Blewbere [torn]			
Joh. Thru*m*pton [torn]			
Raf. Caldebek [torn]			
Joh. Illage [torn]			
Ric. Drap*er*e [torn]			
Joh. Flynt		(?)	4
Nyc. Kent		1	0
Ric. Flynt			8
Esabell Restell			4
Will. Rou*n*cke		1	8
Tho. Mower			8
Joh. Beor			2
Joh. Bladsmythe			4
Pet.[7] Clerkeson			4
Will. Fletcher			4
Joh. Lorde			4
Tho. Corkemaker			4
Tho. Ha*m*pton			4
Joh. Tote			4
Joh. Seward			6
Ric. Rede			8
Davy Chyrke			2
Joh. Oldbe*r*e			8
Ric. Bower			4
Tho. Just			2

[total £1. 0*s.* 8*d.*]

Brodyate[8] ward.

	£	s.	d.
Edm. Brogreve		5	0
Joh. Ruyton		5	0
Huw Glou*er*			4
Har. Mason			4
Joh. Bredon			4
Joh. Pynkyll			3
Rob. Coke			4
Rafe Fremon			4
Joh. Nyhgtyngale			3
Tho. Goldsmyth			2
Nyc. Brome			8
Joh. Rose			3

[1] "iiij" deleted. [2] Blank. [3] Apparently only surname given.
[4] leaf 212, back. [5] ? Marshall. [6] *sic.* [7] Ps. in MS.
[8] Repeated over money column.

Brodyate[1] ward.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. Acton			2
Will. Bay			2
[2]Joh. Symson			3
Joh. Cotyng*am*			6
Joh. Wynnesdon			2
Joh. Lyonas			4
Tho. Reve			4
Tho. Napton			4
Joh. Crulle			6
Ric. Fynche			4
Tho. Hawnell			4
Har. P*er*sale			4
vx*or* Gye Wyston	1	0	
[total 18*s.*]			

[(torn) ? Spon Street.]

	£	s.	d.
[torn]		3	0
Will. Godeladde			6
Joh. a Felowys			4
Joh. Forst*er*			2
Rob. Bete			2
Ric. Rede			2
Raffe Farr*e*			4
Will. Whyte			8
Ad. Brown			3
Joh. Bete			4
Joh. Colam			4
Tho. Tate		1	0
Rob. Forest			4
Mayst*er* Hodson			8
Joh. Regnold			2
Will. Fysher			2
Joh. Alythe			2
Will. Blakenale			4
Rawlyn, Walker			6
Joh. Allen			4
Rob. Andrewe			1
Ric. Coyche			1
Joh. Alderwas			2
Ric. Mychell			2
Ric. Eu*er*don		1	8
[total 16*s.* 10*d.*]			

[3][? Bi]shopp warde.

	£	s.	d.
Joh. [torn]			
Will. Peer			
Will. Horsley			
Will. Marshall			
Tho. Forthe		3	0
Tho. P*ar*ker			
Will. Elys			
Item, de colecto*ur*s, *recepti* xxj s. x d.			
*Sum*ma xxix s. x d.			
[torn]		3	0
[torn]st*er*		3	0
[torn]ns		3	0
[torn]ton			
[torn]		11	10
*Sum*ma xx s. x d.			

Apr. 14. 20 footmen to Barnet Field. 20 horsemen £8 18*s.* 4*d.*

Payd here-of to xx fotemen to Barnet fyld v li.[4]

Item, to xx hors-men viij li. xviij s. iiij d.

Gunners, etc., as appears by a bill £1. 14*s.* 10*d.*

Item, payd to gunners, wache-men & ryders in to the contry; vt patet per vnam billam xxx iiij s. x d.

LETTERS FROM PRINCE EDWARD, AND KING EDWARD.

Apr. 25. A letter from the

[5]Item, *received* a letter fro Edward, þe son off Harre the vjte the xxv day of Aprile, þat was wryton at Cherd[6]

[1] Repeated over money column.

[2] "Brodyate & Fryr-lone" inserted.

[3] leaf 213; much torn; two columns of names, over one of which is [Bi]shoppwarde, but whether this includes both I know not.

[4] Fought on Easter day. Warwick was killed, and the Lancastrian cause overthrown.

[5] leaf 211. Margaret, the Prince of Wales and Lancastrian lords landed on Apr. 14 at Weymouth. Edward ordered his musters to meet at Windsor. He reached Abingdon, Apr. 27.

[6] The Lancastrians were working Dorset and Devon. Edward IV. defeated them at Tewkesbury, May 4.

the xviij day of Aprîl; the whyche was sent to kyng Edward & þe messynger þer-with to Abyndon. Lancastrian prince from Chard sent to Edward IV.

Item, *received* a letter fro kynge Edward with a proclamacion that was wryton at Abyndon þe xxviij day off Aprile. Apr. 28.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO EDWARD IV.

[1] The othe þat the kyng lafft here:—[2] I bycome true & faythefull liegeman to my soueraigne & leege lord kyng Edward þe iiij[the], & his heires kynges of England, & to hym faith & trowthe shall bere from hensforth of lym & lyff, and fully hys parte shall take and hym at all tymes serue & assiste to the vttermast of my power ayainst all erthely creatures; and iffe I knowe hereafter anything sowning to the hurt or preiudice of his most noble personne or astate Royall, or contrary to the grete wele of hys Royaume, or eny oþer anhabitantes I shall put me in deuoir to let it, & if I may not I shall in all hast possible open & showe the same vnto hys gode grace or to the lordes of his counsell; and [in] this & all other thinges I shall behaue & [2] demene me towardes his highnes duryng my liff as a true & faythfull subgiet owythe to doo to his souerayn & lege lord. So helpe me God & holy dome, & by thies holy euaungelistes. To be true to the king; to hinder or reveal anything to his prejudice.

ACCOUNTS, ETC.

[3] These persons lant iiij C. marke to [torn] [4] [Joh. Ruyton £40. 0s. 0d.; Will. Sandurs £20. 0s. 0d.; Ric. Braytofft £10. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Gage £10. 0s. 0d.; Will. Dawe 10 "marke"; Edm. Brogreve 10 marks; Will. Peere £10. 0s. 0d.; Will. Stafford £5. 0s. 0d.; Tho. Brodmedew 10 "marke"; Rob. Brodmedew 5 marks; Joh. Wylgrys £5. 0s. 0d.; Tho. Dowve, £5. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Pynchebek £4. 0s. 0d.; Rob. Atturton £5. 0s. 0d.; Tho. Ingram £5. 0s. 0d.; "payd to a sowder iij s. 400 marks loan = £266 13*s.* 4*d.*

[1] leaf 213. Edward was at Worcester May 7, and afterwards came on to Coventry. Here Margaret of Anjou was brought to him. She was with him when he entered London in state, May 21.
[2] deletions. [3] leaf 213, back. [4] Lent to whom?

iiij d."[1]; Joh. Thrumpton £2. 0s. 0d. "Item, payd iij li. summa v li." Ric. Colyns £7. 0s. 0d.; Will. Elys £1. 0s. 0d.; Will. Baxster £2. 0s. 0d.; Will. Thistelton 10 marks; Tho. Squier 5 marks, Joh. Gryme 5 marks, Ric. Braytofft 5 marks; "payd to a sowder iij s. iiij d.;" Tho. Hobbys £2. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Wylde £2. 0s. 0d.; Will. Shor £2. 10s. 0d.; Joh. Hoten 5 marks; Joh. Fysher £3. 0s. 0d.; Will. Koxe £2. 0s. 0d.; Will. Horsley £2. 0s. 0d.; Will. Knyght £2. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Grove £3. 0s. 0d.; Ric. Euerdon £2. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Emottes £3. 0s. 0d.; Ric. Pulton 5 marks; Rob. Onley 5 marks; "payd to a sowder iij s. iiij d.;" Ric. Lee 13s. 4d.; Ric. Bedon £2. 0s. 0d.; Har. Colyns £1. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Yale 10s.; Joh. Swan £1. 0s. 0d.; Nic. Hall £1. 0s. 0d.; Will. Rewley, £1. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Clyffe £1. 0s. 0d.; Will. Mason £1. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Castell £2. 0s. 0d.; [torn]aue £2. 0s. 0d.; [torn] Bordale £1. 0s. 0d.; [torn] Bretford 6s. 8d.; [torn]aus,[3] Walker, wyredrawer, 10s. 0d.; [F]yl. Drapere 6s. 8d., Will. Wode £6. 13. 4d., Will. Taylour, bower, £2. 0s. 0d.; Har. Marler, grocer, £2. 0s. 0d.; Tho. fforthe £2. 0s. 0d.; Tho. Botell £3. 0s. 0d.; Ric. Turnour, baker, 13s. 4d.; Law. Saundurs £1. 0s. 0d.; Tho. Bagotte £2. 0s. 0d.; Nyc. Rondull £1. 0s. 0d.; Ric. Cole, mercer, £1. 0s. 0d.; Tho. Hawnell 15s. 0d.; Ric. Orderyche 13s. 4d.; Tho. Straunge 15s. "payd;"[2] Ric. Stokys £1. 0s. 0d.; Geff. Ardurn £2. 0s. 0d.; Tho. Chyrchemon £2. 0s. 0d.; Elyott Hugun, tauernere, 10s. 0d.; Rog. Brown, coteler, £1. 0s. 0d.;[4] Joh. Toty £1. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Hastyng 10s. 0d.; Joh. Flynt £1. 0s. 0d.; Ric. Colyns, coruester, £1. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Dorlyng, capper, £1 0s. 0d.; Joh. Seward 10s. 0d.; Tho. Alen, corvester, £1. 6s. 8d.; Ric. Rede, baker, 10s. 0d.;[5] Tho. Parker 10s. 0d.; Ric. Kox, baker, £1. 10s. 0d.; Joh. Smyth, jantelmon, £2. 0s. 0d.; Joh. Hutgray, pynnere, 13s. 4d.; Ric. Bower 6s. 8d.; Har. Staffordshyre;[2] Will. Drewe, wolman,[2] Har. Kebull, mercer, 8s. 0d.; Ric. Draper,[2]

[1] "Will. Horsley iij li." deleted. [2] Blank.
[3] There are three strokes. [4] "Joh. Hastyng xs." deleted.
[5] "vj s. viij d." deleted.

Raffe Walker £1. 0s. 0d.; Will. Myddelton £1. 0s. 0d.; Rob. Topclyffe £1. 0s. 0d.; Rob. Wode, *scriuenere*, 10s. 0d.; [1] Ral [torn] Tho. Wolpyn [torn].

£271. 11s. 4d.]

Joh. Godeknave, cowp*er*, xxs.; Item, Will. Northampton iij li., Will. Marshall xx s. 20*s*. £3 0*s*. 0*d*. 20*s*.

Received of divers men for the new soldiers sent to the king at London 15s.

Item, *recepti* de diu*er*sis hom*inib*us p*ro* le new sowdyrs missis d*omi*no regi Londoniis xv s.[2]

Received from the gild £9 5s. 0d.

Item, *recepti* de gilda ix li. v s.[3]

£286. 11s. 4d.

Sum*m*a ijClxxxvj li. xj s. iiij d.[4]

Received from J. Stevyns through J. Gryme £6. 0s. 0d.

Item, *recepti* de Joh. Stevyns p*er* man*us* Joh. Gryme vj li.

[Payd (torn)] þe kyng ijClxvj li. xiij s. iiij d.[5] £266 13*s*. 4*d*. = 400 marks.

[Pay]d to S*ir* Will. Berkeley v li. £5 0*s*. 0*d*.

[Payd] to S*ir* Rog. Ree xl s. £2 0*s*. 0*d*.

[Pay]d to Tho. Warde xl s. £2 0*s*. 0*d*.

[Pa]yd to Will. Stevyns xl s. £2 0*s*. 0*d*.

[P]ayd to the clerke of þe m*ar*kett xxvj s. viij d. £1 6*s*. 8*d*.

[Pa]yd to his clerke iiij s. in golde. 4*s*. in gold.

Total £279. 4s. 0d.

£6. 13. 4d.

Sum*m*a soluc*ion*is ijClxxix li. iiij s.

It[em] Hen. Boteler vj li. xiij s. iiij d.

To Wilgrys and Stafford for their expenses in riding to the king at Stratford on Avon 5s. 8d.

It[em] Joh. Wilgrys & Will. Stafford p*ro* expens*is* in equitac*ione* d*omi*no regi ad Stretford sup*er* Avyn v s. viij d.[6]

£1. 13s. 4d. to soldiers sent to the king at London.

Item, sol*uti* ad le sowders missos d*omi*no regi London*iis* xxxiij s. iiij d.

Paid to Ric. Braytoft for W. Saunders £3. 15s. 0d.

Item, sol*uti* Ric. Braytofft p*ro* Will. Sau*n*durs iij li. xv s.

Total of the payment £291. 11s. 3d.[7]

Sum*m*a toci*us* soluc*ion*is ijClxxxxj li. xj s. iij d.

[1] leaf 214.

[2] This was after Barnet, when Edward summoned men to Windsor.

[3] xxij li. ix s. ix d. deleted. [4] xix li. xvj s. j d. deleted.

[5] In part payment of the franchises confiscated in May of that year for the citizens' espousal of Warwick's cause. Dugdale says (1. 143) that they paid 500 marks. See below, p. 381.

[6] On the king's way from Worcester after Tewkesbury. This was evidently to entreat for his clemency. [7] really 4*d*.

T. Restell 20s.

Paid W. Dawe M. G. S. T. £10. 1s. 6d. and thus equally.

Received £10. 1s. 6d.

The rest ? £10 lies in the tower and thus £13. 4s. 9d. are in my (? the mayor's) hands.

1s. 4d. paid to Gage for rays.

Item, *soluti* Tho. Restell xx s.

+ Item, *soluti* Will. Dawe, [1]*magistro* gilde *Trinitatis*[1] x li. xviij d.[2] & *sic* eque.

+ Item, *recepti* x li.[3] xviij d. [1] Rest x li. jacet in *turro* (*sic*).[1]

[4] & sic in *manibus* meis[5] xiij li. iiij s. ixd.[4]

Item, *soluti* Gage[6] xvj d. *pro* rays.[6]

Jul. 28. [7] The Monday next after the fest of seynt Anne [torn] were a-greyd þat ijC li. of þe money þat was [torn] þe remnand to be levyed of the chamber & the gyld [torn].

Joh. Bette, m., Har. Boteler, rec., Will. Dawe, Ric. Braytoft, Edm. Brogreve, Rob. Brodmedew, Joh. Wylgrys, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Peere, Tho. Brodmedewe, Joh. Pynchebek, Joh. Gage, Will. Saunders, Will. Stafford, Joh. Semon, Joh. Hoten, Tho. Dowe, Tho. Ingram, Rob. Atterton, Ric. Awstyn, Joh. Garton, Raf. Calbek, Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Hadley, Will. Horsley, Joh. Illage, Rob. Blewbere, Joh. Mores, Rob. Burnell, [torn]yns, [(torn) Ric. Bra]ytoft, jun. [torn] Hobbys, [(torn)? Willi]am Marshall, Will. Northampton, Joh. Gryme, Will. Thystelton, Will. Elys, Ric. Pulton, Tho. Broke, Tho. Squier, Joh. Fysher, Joh. Grove, Will. Knyght, Joh. Bordale, Joh. Swan, Tho. Hawnell, Geff. Ardurn, Ric. Bower, Will. Pynchebek, Will. Shore, Har. Marlowe, Will. Taylour, bower, Har. Ball, Tho. Wolffe, Tho. Bagotte.

£200 paid and to be paid to the king and the lords for the restitution of the liberty of the city shall be paid by the wards, to be levied by

[8] Isti ordinauerunt quod CC li. [illeg.] [9] solute & soluende Regi & dominis pro restitucione libertatis ville soluentur per wardas, leuande per Collectores modo & forma [illeg.]

[1–1] Deleted.
[2] vij li. iiij s. iij d. deleted; over the iij d. a ix d. is written. But the whole writing is muddled, there are deletions, and additions galore.
[3] viij li. deleted. [4–4] Another hand or ink.
[5] xj li. vij s. ix d. deleted. [6] ? surnaines. [7] leaf 214, back.
[8] A terribly illegible, cursive scrawl in another hand. See p. 381.
[9] ? *partes* V^c *marcarum* = part of 500 marks.

collectors, in the manner and form . . . and that before Michaelmas.

vsualit*er*, & hoc cit*ra* *festum* S. Mich*aelis* arch*angeli* *proximo* futur*um*.

[*Gosford ward:* £22. 10s. 0d. Collectors, Will. Kox, Tho. Str*a*nge, Joh. Knyhgt, Ric. Mydnyhgt.

Jordan well: £13. 16s. 0d. Huw Pollard, Har. Staffordshyr, Joh. Derby, Rob. Mason.

Much Park ward: £19. 16s. 0d. Joh. Smythe, Joh. Bordale,[1] Edm. Hadley, Tho. Walker.

Earl Street ward: £25. 12s. 0d. Ric. Ordryche, Joh. Shemy*n*, Har. Kebull, Joh. Throwley.

Bayly Lane ward: £16. 2s. 0d. Will. Rowley, Har. Alestre, Tho. Roby, Huwe Hyton.

Broadgate ward: £10. 13s. 0d. Nic. Brome, Tho. Hawnell, Joh. Neele, corves*er*.

Smithford ward: £16. 3s. 0d. Will. Taylo*ur*, Rob. Gardn*e*re, Tho. Ha*m*pton, Tho. Royst*er*, corves*er*.

Spon Street: £22. 13s. 0d. Ric. Eu*er*don, Rawlyn, Walker,[2] Joh. Alyth, Allerwas, baker.

Cross-cheaping: £30. 3s. 0d. Will. Spens*er*, Tho. Bagott, Rob. Howdy, Rob. Colman.

Bishop Street: £22. 13s. 0d. Tho. Botell, Tho. Owrys, Rob. Wode, Joh. Fyppus.

Total £200. 1s. 0d.]

EASTER AND MICHAELMAS LEETS.

"Couentre." Apr. 22.

¶ [3] [V. f. p. held before Joh. Bette, m., Joh. Seman, Rob. Blubery, b. on Monday after the close of Easter, 2 Ed. IV.][4]

Jury.

Will. Dawe, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Pynchebek, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Stafford, Rob. Bredmedowe, Will. Saunders, Joh. Wilgrys, Joh. Gauge, Will. Pere, Will. Horseley, Tho. Dove, Will. Baxter, Joh. Hadley, Tho. ffoorth, Joh. Thru*m*pton, Rob. Onley, Joh. Garton, Joh. Mores, Rob. Burnell, Joh. Illage, Ric. Braytoft, jun.

[1] Watkyn Browderer deleted.
[2] Interlined. "Joh. Regnold" deleted.
[3] leaf 213. Scribe B.
[4] Edward (restored), Apr. 14, from which is dated his 11th regnal year.

Orders of leet.

To attend the mayor: or each late mayor to pay 6*s.* 8*d.*, sheriff 3*s.* 4*d.*, commoner 1*s.* respectively.

Hit is confermed at þis let þe ordenaunce of olde tyme made þat euery inhabitant within þis Cite be redy vppon warnyng had to awayte vppon þe Meir, vppon þe peyn of euery man þat hath be Mair to lese vj s. viij d., euery shiriff xl d. & oþer Cominer xij d.

The church and churchyard.

Also hit is ordeyned þat no persone frohensfurth caste muk, strawe or other filthe oute of þe Chirches, or oþer place into þe Chircheȝardes of þe parish Chirch vppon þe peyn to lose at euery defaut xij d.

"Couentre." Oct. 3.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Thursday after Michaelmas, II Ed. IV.]

Will. Dawe, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Joh. Pynchebek, Will. Pere, Joh. Wilgrys, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Joh. Garton, Rad. Calbek, Will. Horseley, Will. Baxster, Ric. Colyns, Tho. ffoorth, Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Illage, Joh. Mores, Ric. Aleyn, Laur. Walgraue, Tho. Hobbes, Tho. Ingram.

Orders of leet.

Hit is ordeyned be auctorite of þis present lete þat Joh. Hastynges, wiredrawer, & Will. Atterton[1] be discharged to passe frohensfurth of eny jure within þis Cite; nor þat they be enpanelled vppon eny jurre frohensfurth for euer, nor that they frohensfurth enbrase[2] eny jure, vppon the peyn to lese at þe first defalt, C s., and at þe ijde defalt to haue the wheston aboute their nekkes, & at þe iijde defalt to stand vppon the pillory etc.

Bailiffs and Sheriffs.

[Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Hoten.]

JOH. THRUMPTON, MAYOR, 1472.

[3][Election of officers].

"Couentre." [torn]

Will. Saunders, Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wyldegrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Pere, [torn] T[ho. Do]wve, Ri[c. Aus]ten, Joh. [Ga]rton, Rad Caldebek, Will. Horsley, Rob. Burnell,

[1] The whetstone suggests that they were perjurers (Mr. Stevenson).
[2] enbrase = to attempt to influence (a juryman) corruptly. *N. E. D.* s. v. Embrace.
[3] leaf 215. Scribe E; torn. A final -rd represents probably [Will. Staffo]rd; an -s [Ric. Colyn]s, an -e is a vague indication; perhaps [Joh. Gaug]e.

Rob. Onley, Joh. Illage, Tho. Squyer, Will. Thistulton, Laur. Walg*r*aue, Joh. Hadley.

m. Joh. Thrumpton; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Will. Knyght, Tho. Bagot; w. Will Shore, Will. Cokkes; mace, Will. Atkynson. Officers.

Joh. Thrumpton, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Will. Sawnd*r*es, M.G.S.T., Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedowe.] J.Ps.

KING'S LETTER.

The xix day of ffebruar*e* the Mayr resceyved a p*r*iuee seale from o*ur* sou*er*aign lord, the kyng, directed to hym & to the shreffes in thees wordes as herafte*r* ffoloeth. Feb. 19. A privy seal

By the Kyng.

Trusty and wel-beloued, we grete you wel. Callyng to our Remembraunce and consideraci*on* the gret tempestes, diuisions & troubles that in late daies haue be in this our Reaume, the gret wyldenesse & indisposici*on* also þat hath folowed by occasion wherof, & consequently by embracerye,[1] corupci*on*, might and maintenaunce þat hath be & daily is vsed þurgh this o*ur* lond, both by yeving of tokenys, lyuerees, signes, makyng of Reteigndres and o*þer*-wyse, we haue vnderstand the cours & order of c*ur* lawes hath be letted, and might haue noo place as it ought to haue, nor execuci*on* of Justice be ministred, wherof grete extorci*on*s, Robberies, mordres and othir gret exorbitaunces & mischeves haue ensued vnto gret offense & displeasir of God and vnto greet hurt of vs, of alle our subgitt*es* and the comune wele and policie of all this Reaume. And we, entending by alle meanes to vs possible to ordeigne & prouide for the pacificaci*on*, defence, and suretee of the same o*ur* land and subgitt*es*, both inward*es* & outward*es*, and that ministraci*on* of Justice may euenly and indifferently be doon as wel vnto poure as vnto Riche w*ith*outen any fauo*ur* or accepci*on* of p*er*sone or p*er*sones, haue had a Ripe co*mun*icaci*on* herein w*ith* the lord*es* of this our Reaume, the whiche, eu*er*yche and all haue

from the king against

maintenance,

giving of liveries, retainers, whereby the course of law is hindered;

whereof crimes and mischiefs have ensued,

the king,

wishing impartial justice to be done,

has consulted with the lords,

[1] Corrupting a jury. v. *N. E. D.*

who have agreed to aid the course of justice,

accorded, aggreed and also promitted vnto vs that they woll doo their trewe deuoir, labour & effectuell diligence that ministrac*i*on of justice haue due place, and be putte in due execuc*i*on acordyng to our lawes, alle suche absurditees, mischeues, & misuses laide apart; and þat þei shall noo thing doo or attempte nor suffre to be doo or attempted by

and show no favour.

theym, any of theirs, or othir-wyse howe-soeuer it be, in fauour of any cause or p*er*sone, be it their owyne s*er*uaunt*es* or tenaunt*es* or any othir by any colour or occasion what-soeuer it be, wherby the due order & cours of our lawes or ministrac*i*on & execuc*i*on of Justice in any wyse

Wherefore the king urges them to correct lawlessness,

may be deferred, hurted or letted. Wherfore we signifie vnto you thees thing*es* to thentent þat among 3our self ye also ordeigne and see that alle thing*es* þat hath be & is vsed contrarie to our said lawes, & o*ur* said entente & purpose be corrected, amended and putte aparte, and soo we charge 3oue to doo with alle diligence; And also that

suppress liveries,

noo Reteindres, lyuerees, signes ne tokenys of clothing, nor othir wyse be taken, had nor vsed by thinhabitaunt*es* of our Citie of Couentre contrarie to our lawes & statutes ordeigned & p*ro*uided in suche behalf, and if any presume or take vpon hym to doo or attempte the contrarie and woll not be refourmed, we woll & charge you that w*ith*oute

and offenders "ffor disobedience to be expelled the Citty;"

any excuse or delaye ye expelle & putte hym oute of the same our Citie, and in noo wyse suffre him to abide there, certifying vs in alle possible hast what he is, whoos lyueree he vsith, and whoo susteigneth hym, not sparyng any p*er*sone whatsoeuer he be. And ouer this wher ther be

vagabonds and seditious persons,

diu*er*s and many vagabundes, and vngoodly & ille disposed p*er*sones, entending commoc*i*on & trouble of this our lande & [1] quiet & pees of the same, renne thurgh the same oure

who spread false tidings, to be informed against.

lande sowyng sede of discord and diuision in making and telling of tithing*es*, fals lesing & tales to thentent [2]abouesaid, we woll and straitly charge you that whan and as oft [torn] p*er*sone or p*er*sones w*ith*in our said Citee or Jurisdiccion of the same, ye w*ith* [(torn)] d in all hast certifie vs ther*of* to thentent we may prouide for the p [(torn). And that ye fa]ille not herin as our p*er*fite trust is in you,

[1] omission. Supply "not." [2] leaf 215, back.

and as ye loue and tendr[e (torn)] [su]bgitt*es* therof. Yeuen vnder our p*ri*uie Seel at Westm[ynstre] the xj day of ffe[bruare (torn).] Westminster, Feb. 11.

This forsaide P*ri*uee seel was solemplye p*ro*claimed in the open [(torn) market ne]xt aft*er* the resceyt þ*er*of, videl*icet* xxj° die ffebruare; then & theer beyng p*re*sent the Mair, the Recordo*ur*, Will. Sawndr*es*, [(torn) Ric. Bray]toft, Edm. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedow, Joh. Wyldegrys, Tho. Bradmedow, Will. Stafford, & Ric. Braytoft, jun., Joh. Ho[ten (torn) wit]h many oder. Feb. 21. Letter proclaimed.

EASTER LEET.

[1] [V. f. p. before Joh. Thrumpton, m., Ric. Braytoft, jun., Joh. Hoten, b., on Monday after the close of Easter, 12 Ed. IV.] "Couentre." Apr. 6.

Will. Saunders, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Pynchebek, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bette, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Pere, Ric. Austen, Joh. Garton, Will. Horseley, Will. Baxster, Tho. Ingram, Rob. Onley, Tho. Dove, Joh. Stephons, Joh. Hadley, Rob. Burnell, Will. Shore, Tho. ffoorth, Lau. Walgraue.

[Ordained] þ*at* eu*er*y walker frohensfurth shall [put] a knowen marck vppon eu*er*y cloth þ*at* he shall full, to þentent þ*at* yf defalt be þ*at* amend*es* in þ*at* behalf be made, vppon peyne who doth to þe contrarie to lese at eu*er*y def*ault* vj s. viij d. "fullers marke their cloth," or 6*s.* 8*d.* fine.

Also þ*at* þe well at þe Chirchdûr & all o þ*er* com*ien* welles w*ith*in þis Cite be sufficiently rep*ar*eled be þe wardeyns betwixt þis & Lam*m*as, vppon þe peyn of C s. Wells to be repaired.

Also þ*at* no p*er*sone of þis Cite frohensfurth brek vp the P*ri*ours-waste, nor a close of þe same p*ri*ours lying w*ith*oute the Newe ȝate vppon þe right hand London weye, stretchyng aft*er* þe lane ledyng to þe drap*er*s buttes, claymyng to haue comyn their for their Catell, vppon peyn who doth to þe contrarie to lese at eu*er*y def*ault* xl s. & enp*ri*sonm*ent* of xl daies. Common lands. Prior's Waste and the close by the New Gate not to be broken into or 40*s.* fine and 40 days' imprisonment.

Also hit is ordeyned þ*at* þe p*ri*our of Couentre repair þe The prior to repair the

[1] leaf 216, back. Scribe B.

causeway by S. Christopher's chapel

or 20*s.* fine.

Cawsy on this half Seynt *Christo*feres Chapell[1] afor his lande ther betwixt þis & þe fest of Corpo*ris* Christi, vppon þe peyn of xx s.

BRISCOW AND THE LAMMAS LANDS.

Apr. 11, 1472.

Divers worthy men in S. Mary's Hall

[2]The xj day of Ap*ril* the yer of the Reigne of kyng Edward [torn] the xij[th], assembled in the Counseill hows of seint Mar*e* hall of Couentr*e*, the Mair, the Recordo*ur*, the Maist*er* of the [Gild,][3] Ric. Braytoft, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedow, Will Peer, Joh. Wyldegrys, Tho. Bradmedow, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pinchebek, Joh. Gage, Will. Dawe, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bett, Tho. Dowve, Ric. Awsteyn, Joh. Garton, Raffe Calbek, Ric. Braytoft the yong*er*, Joh. Hoten, Rob. Att*er*ton, Tho. Ingram, Rob. Onley, Joh. Mores, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Stevons, Rob. Burnell, Joh. Seman, Will. Baxst*er*, Joh. Illagge, Rob. Blebere, Ric. Colyns, Tho. fforth, Will. Knyght, Tho. Bagott, Will. Shore, Will. Cokk*es*, Laur. Walgrave, Tho. Sqwyer, Ric. Aleyn, Tho. Hobbes, Tho. Raves, Ric. Pulton, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Bagott, deyst*er*, Will. Northampton, Will. Elys, Tho. P*ar*ker, Will. M*ar*shall, ffysher, where was comynd what demene shuld be taken ffor the mater betwen the Cite and Will. Briscowe, And for the Cost*es* and expens*es* of the suyt *per*of. Whervppon reherce was made therof to the Co*m*ienres beyng at that tyme in seint Marie hall, Whoos names herafter foloen, that is to say :—

commune together concerning Briscow's business, and the costs thereof.

Joh. Grove, weu*er*	Rog. Glou*er*	Joh. ffysher, sherman
Tho. Strawnge	Joh. Hastyng*es*	Joh. Hukyns
Joh. Strete	Will. Drew	Rob. fforest
Ric. Ragge	Herry Staffordshyre	Joh. Stalow
Ric. Plu*m*ton	Will. Bamburgh, coup*er*	Joh. Bordale
Joh. Smyth, baker	Will. Jawdrell	Rob. Tasker
Will. Cramp	Joh. Darby, Baker	Joh. Coke, sadler
Joh. Stafford	Joh. Bentley	Tho. Burley
Joh. Crull	Joh. Wilkyns, sadler	Edm. Hadley
La[u]r. Hyron	Ric. Drake, cardmaker	Rob. Crosse, mason
Joh. Dove	Joh. Clifford	Tho. Campion
Mat. Curteys, bak*er*	Hwe Pollard	Rob. Garett
Will. Brawnche	Ric. Ordryche	Will. Compton

[1] Otherwise S. James' chapel by Spon bridge.
[2] leaf 215, back. Scribe E. *v. supra,* p. 349.
[3] Torn. Will. Saunders.

Joh. Smyth, baker
Joh. Chambre, coruesʳ
Rob. Bretford
Tho. Mechell
Joh. Wolmer
Will. Meriell
Will. Crosby
Joh. Swan
Will. Thistelton
Joh. Davy
Joh. Shepey
Will. Coton
Ric. Stokes
Her. Kebull
Ric. Coke
Phelip Robertes
Joh. Tomson, taylour
Joh. Trowley, sherman
Rob. Jakes
Joh. Shemyng
Tho. Waryn
Ric. Lee, draper
Will. Edwardes
Nic. Hall
Will. fforth
ffelip Draper
Joh. Castell
Tho. Baly
Joh. Clyff
Hwe Hyton
Rob. Gydlow
Joh. Couper
Joh. Gryme
Will. Westley
Tho. Colett
Reg. Costantyne
Jeff. Ardern
Tho. Roby

Herry Allestre
Tho. Joynour
Pet. Insturley
Tho. Chichman
Will. Crow
Joh. Crow
Ric. Wylson
Ric. Lenton
Tho. Bely
Joh. (?) Witgresse
Hwe. Glouer
Nic. Brown
Joh. Nele
Watkyn, Browderer[1]
Joh. Nityngale
Ric. ffynche
Joh. Clement
Her. Persale, Coke
Tho. Napton
Tho. Ruyton
Rob. Alisawndre
Ric. Clerk, skynner
Rob. Salbery
Joh. Toty, coruesʳ
Ric. Reede, Baker
Will. Bower
Ric. Bower
Will. fflecher
Her. Matson
Ric. Drowght
Nic. Kent
Her. Dalby
Joh. Oldebury
Joh. fflynt
Tho. Pulter
Lau. Sawnders
Joh. Wardrope
Ric. Kyng, shermon

Will. Pynchebek
Joh. Alderwes, baker
Ric. Turnour, baker
Joh. fforster, coruesʳ
Ric. Barbour[2]
Joh. Aleyn, baker
Tho. Euerdon
Rawlyn, wryght[1]
Joh. Darlyng, capper
Jas. Baly. Barker
Her. Marlere
Edm. Wilson
Tho. Gardener, ffysher
Her. Ball
Rob. Colmon
Nic. Rondull
Tho. Wulf
Joh. ffysher, coruesʳ
Ric. Bedon
Will. Spenser
Ric. Sampson
Her. Colyns, bochour
Joh. Deyster, bocher
Joh. Wolpyner
Her. Barfete
Joh. ȝale
Joh. Godeknave, couper
Tho. of Owres
Tho. Botell
Joh. Aman, bocher
Lau. Burwell
Ric. Cokkes
Joh. Phelippes
Will. Hwet, weuer
Ric. Chapman, weuer
Reg. Brown, Cutler
Rob. Awode, Irmonger
Joh. Newman

Of thees foreseide and of oder many moo then beyng *with* hem in the seid seint Marie hall was asked how thei wold be demened in that behalfe :—Wheche onswerd & seid thei wold abyde with the Maire & his bredern to the vtmost of herr goodes in that mater, & as the Mair & his Cownseill did in þat mater thei agree therto. Asked their wish; they agree to abide by the mayor's decision.

[3]The vj daie of May a. r. r. *Edwardi* iiij^{ti} xij^{o} the Mayre, the Recorder, the maister of the Gild, Ric. Braytoft thelder, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wyldegrys, Joh. Draper, Tho. Bradmedow, Joh. Pynchebek, Joh. Gage, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bett, & many oder, werre appoynted that the Abbot of Kelyngworth, the May 6, 1472. Great people asked to be present.

[1] (?) name or trade.
[2] "Lau. Sawnders" deleted.
[3] leaf 216.

Abbot of Combe, the Abbot of Stonley, the Abbot of Merevale, the priour of Maxtoke, the priour of Erbere,[1] Sir Symond Mownforth,[2] knyght, Joh. Hugford, squyer, Will. Hugford,[3] squyer, Tho. Burdet,[4] squyer, shuld be desired to be here at Couentre in seint Marie hall by the labour of Joh. Smyth, attorne of Court *per*for assigned, the Monday next to-come after the ffest of the blessud Trinitee then after next foloyng the yer aboffe reherced.

May 25.

May 20. Briscow offers to have arbitration. In the council house the late sheriffs, through the lamentable instance of Briscow's wife, agree to offer terms for him.

The Wensday in Whiteson wek the xx day of May the 3eer aboffe said to Thees persons whoos names immediatlye folowen beyng in the cownseill howse, for thexpedience of grete maters perteynyng to this Cite, Will. Baxter & Joh. Hadley, late shreffes of the same, offerd Treete for the behalffe of Will. Briscow for thoo maters, whech weer in variaunce betwix the Cite & hym, and as thei expresed pleinly for her declaracion her labour was thorow the speceal meenes & lamentable Instaunce of the Wyffe of the seid Will. Bryscow.

The Mair, the Recordour, the maister of the Gild,[5] Ric. Braytoft, Edm. Brogreve, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wyldegrys, Will. Peer, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pynchbek, Joh. Gawge, Will. Dawe, Will. Stafford, Joh. Bett, Tho. Dowve, Ric. Austeyn, Joh. Garton, Ric. Braytoft jun., Joh. Hoten.

More people to be summoned to be consulted respecting Bristow's offer to treat.

Theese worshipfull states afore rehersed then & theranoon forthwith appoynted that moo persones of the Citee shuld be warned to be at seint Mare hall at afternoone the same day to haue knolegge & vnderstandyng of this mocion of treete. At the which tyme so appoynted appered[6] all thoo afor rehersed, & all thees moo, whoos names be vnderwreton besyde many moo vnrehersyd :—

They come.

Rob. Onley, Will. Hosley, Ric. Colyns, Rob. Atterton, Tho. Ingram, Raf. Calbek, Joh. Illage, Joh. Stevons, Joh. Mores, Tho. fforth, Wyll. Knyght, Tho. Bagot, Will. Shor, Will. Cokkes, Will. Thestilton, Joh. Grove, Tho.

[1] Arbury near Nuneaton. [2] Of Coleshill. [3] Of Emscote.
[4] Of Arrow, owner of the famous white buck slain by Edward IV. Burdet fell out of favour through his partisanship of Clarence and was executed for high treason, 1477.
[5] Will. Saunders.
[6] "The persones whos names herafter folowen" deleted.

Strawnge, Joh. Smyth, baker, Tho. Wolff, Rob. Garett, Joh. Clyff, Will. ffysher, corueser, Rob. Tasker, Joh. Knyȝt, Will. fflecher, Joh. ffysher, Joh. Emmottes, Ric. Bower, Joh. ȝale, Ric. Drowght, Joh. Bordale, Ric. Reede, Joh. Oldebury, Joh. Toty, Will. Taylour, bower, Tho. Chircheman, Tho. Botell, Edm. Wilson, corueser, Will. Rowley, Tho. Napton, Ric. Aleyn, Ric. Barbour :—

To thees was declared after her apparances the mocion of the Treete for Briscowes behalf had in the cownseill hows aforenoone. And then forthwith was demaunded of hem how thei wold in this mater afore declard, and iff thei wold agree to suche appoyntement as the Mair & his worshipfull Bredern wold take in þis mater. And thei seide with accorde, ȝee, thei wold as thei woll. Where-vppon in-contenent the Maire with the Recorder & his worshipfull Bredern then & there in the seid cownseill howse[1] intendyng pease, & to avoyde Report þat it shuld not be seid of the Wysdom of the Cite to escheu resonable offre, thei concluded vppon Treete vnder condicion that the seid Will. Bryscow shuld putt-in a bill endented and insealed of thappoyntementes taken betwix the Citee & hym for excludyng after-variaunce. And þerto accordyng billes wer alternately made & sealed vnder this ffourme folowyng :—

They say with one accord—yea.

They wish as the mayor and council wish.

So the mayor

makes an indenture with Bristow agreeing thereunto.

This is the appoyntement endented made the xxj day of May the xij ȝere of the Reigne of Kyng Edward the iiijth betwixt the Mair & Cominaltee of þe Citee of Couentre and Will. Briscowe of all variaunces betwixt theym is, thei to abyde the Rule, ordinaunce & jugement of Joh. Cateby, sergeant of þe lawe, and Will. Cumberford, arbitratours indifferently cosen betwyxt the seid parties of & vppon the title and possession of all maner landes and Comyn of pasture beyng in variaunce betwixt theym; And also of all maner trespases, offenses and debates beyng or had betwixt the seid parties or of ony of them; thei seid arbitratours to appoint the day and seson how long the seid arbitratours shall haue arbitracion therof. And also the seid parties been agréed

"A Reference between Will. Briscow and the Citty About Lamas ground."

Joh. Cateby, Will. Cumberford, arbitrators,

to appoint a day.

[1] "concluded" deleted.

"Briscow" and another to ride to London at the octaves of the Trinity to see the "arbitrators."

that the said Will. Briscowe and one assigned for the seid Mair and Cominaltee shall ryde to London at the viij^{tas} of the Trinite next comyng to labour and desyre the seid [1]Joh. Cateby and Will. Cumberford to take the labour of the premisses vpon theym. And if thei take vpon them the seid arbitracion, that then the seid Will. Briscowe is agreed & promyseth to be bownden in an Obligacion of CC marc', to abide the Rule of the seid arbitratours, and in lyke wyse the seid Maire and Cominalte promysen to fynde suerte suche as shall be thowght conuenient and sufficient for the partie of the seid Meire and Cominalte; and wher the seid Will. Briscowe sueth an accion of trespas ageyns the seid Meir & Cominalte, he promyseth to take suche direccion in that same suyt as shalbe thought conuenient by the discrecion of the seid arbitratours. In wittenes wherof the seid Will. Briscowe to this endentur remaynyng with the seid Maire and Cominalte hath putte his seall. Yevyn at Couentre the day & yer abovyn seid.

Briscow is bound in 200 marks to abide by the arbitration,

and only to sue the mayor and commonalty in such a manner as the abitrators shall advise.

May 25. Local notables come to S. Mary's Hall,

The Monday next after the blessud Trinite Sonday the xij ȝeer of Kyng Edward the iiijth, the Abbot of Kelyngworth, then beyng, the Abbot of Combe, the Abbot of Stonley, the Abbot of Merevale, Sir Symond Mownforth,[2] knyȝt, Sir Rob. Strelley, knyȝt, and Will. Hugford,[3] squyer, come into seint Marie hall of this Citee of Couentre aboute the our of axj^{ne} afore-noone, the Right worshipfull Mair of this Citee with many of his worshipfull bredern also beyng present ther the same tyme. And ther thei harde an examinacion of certein of the oldest men of this seyd Citee of Couentre, Whoos names apperen in a letter testymoneall þerof made[4]: the wheche old men all & euerych of hem by hym self deposed & swar openly vppon a boke in the presence of the forseid worshipfull men, all the grownde betwen Whitley broke & Barons ffeld of Couentre, that lyeth betwen the kynges hye waye ledyng from Whitley to Couentre on

and hear an examination of the oldest men of the city

who declare "All bounds ffrom Whitley brooke to Barons ffeild betwen the highway & the parke are Comon."

[1] leaf 216, back.
[2] Of Coleshill. Executed later for aiding Warbeck.
[3] Of Emscote. Constable of Warwick castle.
[4] Corp. MSS. F. 4.

the one syde, and the kynges Parke on the toder syde, to be Comen to the Comeners of this Citee of Couentree; As it appereth in the seide letter testimoniall þerof made, to the which letter, for more Credence, the foresaid Worshipfull Abbottes, knyghtes and Will. Hugford, squyer, seuerally haue putte her seales. The which letter Testimoniall Remayneth in the kepyng of the Maister of Trinite Gylde in the Tour of seint Marie hall of Co[uentre].

The letter is in the tower of S. Mary's Hall.

KING EDWARD'S PARDON.

[1]Our Soueraign Lord Kyng Edward the iiij[th], of His Speciall Grace thorow þe Mediacion of the noble Prince, George, Duke of Clarance, the xx daie of June the xij[th] yeer of his Reigne, graunted his Charter of generall pardon to the Mair & Cominalte and inhabitantz of this Citee: Which Charter was swyed for the hevy greffe þat our seid soueraign lord beer to the Citee & inhabitantes þerof sith & for the tyme þat Ric. late Erle of Warwyke with oder to hym then acompanyed kept the Citee in defence aȝenst his Royall highnes in the Lenton next afore Barnett ffeld; the Which Chartre is putt in kepyng in the Tour of seynt Marie hall.

June 20, 1472.

"Charter off pardon graunted to the Citty" at Clarence's intervention, and sued because of the king's grievance against it for espousing Warwick's cause.

CLARENCE'S JEWELS.

[2]The xxix day of June the yeer aboffe-rehersed alle the Plate and Jewels except a Coronalle, that laie in plegge in seynt Marie hall for CCC markes[3] lent vppon hem to the Duke of Clarance foreseid, weer by bille Indented, Relyuered & Resceyved by the handes of Joh. Hugford, sqwyer, and Edm. Bowdon, seruauntes of the seide Duke, by a letter from hym to the Mair & his bredern of Couentre direct therto assigned: the whiche letter, and anoder letter of þe same mater send from the

June 29. Clarence's jewels, save the coronal, returned. They had been left in pledge for 300 marks' loan.

[1] leaf 217. Scribe E. The beginning is in large ornamented capitals. In May 1471 the king came to Coventry, confiscated the civic sword and the city liberties, which were only redeemed by 500 marks' payment, *v.* p. 369–70.

[2] The indenture known as "Clarence's pawn ticket" was unfortunately lost or mislaid during the cataloguing of the Coventry MSS. in 1896. See Featherstone, *Coventry Charters*.

[3] I cannot trace 300 marks in previous accounts; but see p. 364.

Recorder, Herry Boteler, and also the Indentur of the first Resceyt of the seide plate & Jowels, and also the Indentur wherby the relyverie of theyme was made, remaigne togedre in a box in kepyng in the Tour in seynt Marie hall.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

"Couentre." Oct. 3.

[1] ¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 12 Ed. IV.]

Jury.

Will. Saunders, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Brogreue, Rob. Bradmedaue, Joh. Wylgrys, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Bette, Tho. Bradmedo, Will. Stafford, Will. Pere, Tho. Dove, Joh. Mores, Rob. Onley, Tho. Ingram, Ric. Colyns, Joh. Hadley, Rad. Calbek, Rob. Atterton, Will. Horseley, Will. Baxster, Ric. Pulton, Will. Cokkes, Will. Shore.

Bailiffs and sheriffs.

[Will. Elys, Will. Thistelton.]

"Sworn triers."

These persons folowyng be ordeyned & chosen to be triours within þis Cite to determyn variances betwixt parties within þis Cite as touchyng metes & bondes & Gutters & such oþer, so that iiij of theym be ever redy in þe absens of þe oþer iiij, & to take for their labour as be sesed them afor tyme. Hen. Dalby, Joh. Top, Rob. Burwey, Joh. Clerk, Rob. Crosse, Will. Ranke, Joh. Hukyns, Joh. Crouche.[2]

Red herring.

[3][Ordained] at þis lete þat no man frohensfurth make red heryng within þis Cite, vppon þe peyn of xx s. at euery default.

Also þat euery Cart[4] þat cometh to þis Cite with ffysshe þat he let make clene þer þe Cart stode, vppon peyn of iiij d.

Fishmongers

Also þat þe ffysshemongers of þis Cite frohensfurth kep & obserue all goode ordenaunces hertofore made for the resceyuyng & vtteryng of see ffyshe comyng to þis Cite; and þat they sell after þe assise set by þe Mair etc. [or 20*s*. fine].

to sell according to the Assize.

Of the leet held 1465

Memorandum de leta tenta [ad festum S.] Michaelis

[1] leaf 216, back. Scribe B.
[2] "Plus ex altera parte" (= more on the other side) follows.
[3] leaf 217. [4] "Crat" deleted.

anno v^to^ *Edwardi* iiij^ti^ *tempore* Joh. Pynchebek,[1] m., vbi sic ordinatur: that no ffysshemonger, which holdeth a borde & selleth saltfyssh & stokfysshe, frohensfurth shuld hold nor kepe eny boorde afor the crosse *per*uppon to sell eny *maner* see fysshe or freshfysshe, vppon peyn to forfet at *euery* de*falt* xl s., þe on half *per*of to þe shirrifs for the tyme beyng, & þe o*þer* half to þe Murage of þis Cite. And yf þe shirrifs woll not leve *þat* peyn, & þen hit to be leyvied be þe Mair for þe tyme beyng to þe vse of þe Cite.

in J. Pynchebek's time: no fishmonger

to sell both salt fish and fresh fish,

or 40*s.* fine,

which if the sheriffs fail to levy, is to be levied by the mayor.

THE KING'S LETTER CONCERNING UNRULINESS.

[2]The thride day of Januare a. r. r. Edwardi quarti xij°, the Mair Resceyved a lett*er* from our seide sou*er*aign lord, the kyng, directed to hym & to the Justic*es* of pees & shryffes of his Citee of Couentre and to alle the Inhabitantes within *þis* seide Citee and subberbes and hamelett*es* of the same, to putt in Correccion theyme *þat* disobeyn the kyng*es* Officers & Gou*ernours* etc., ordeigned etc. for Co*m*en Wele & good Rule. And also to put in correcc*ion* all thoo p*er*sons or p*er*son *þat* denyen to paie suche taxes, tallagges, Imposic*ions* & od*er* charges requesitt to be born in the places wher thei dwell after the Rule there vsed to be levyd & paied.[3] The which lett*er* was openly p*ro*clamed, and is in kepyng in the Tour of Sent Marie hall in the same box *þat* the kyng*es* gen*er*all p*ar*don[4] g*r*aunted to this Citee is Ine.

Jan. 3, 1473.

The king

enjoins that unruly persons,

and all such as refuse to pay requisite charges, be put in correction.

The letter is kept in the same box as the general pardon.

[5]By the kynge.

Trusty & wel-bylouyd, we grete yow well; and for-asmuche as we vndirstande that diu*ers* p*er*sones dwellyng in diu*ers* citees & other plases of this our roialme haue grete boldenes to rem*em*bre the mysrules, insurrecc*ions* & r*e*bellions had in tyme paste, & yet in man*er* to obbey our lawes & to obbey þe gou*er*nors, our jugez, officers & minysters of the same & ther co*m*aund*m*ents disdeynon, not gevyng the due reu*er*ens & assistens after[6] dute; &

The king, hearing

of unruliness

[1] No leet records are given for that year. [2] leaf 218. Scribe E.
[3] This must refer to the unpaid and "lost" charge of preceding years, *v.* p. 357.
[4] v. *supra*, p. 381. [5] leaf 214. [6] according to.

also dysobeyen to suche ordynans & rulez as by ancyent & discrete gouernours for þe pollitique rule & gode gouernaunce a-menge the people ther afor tyme haue be; or denyd or denyen to pay suche taxes, tallagez, Imposicions & other chargez, as is requisite to be boorn in the same placez after þe rule ther vsed to be leveyd & payd; the whyche gode rulez, of longe tyme contynuyd & approved, if eny mysdoers, or persones vndisposid, be the occasicion of eny supportacion, shuld be sufferyd to subuerte, it myght cause gret desolacion & ruyne of our citeez & placez, & so gretly hurt owr sayd royalme; whiche we woll not suffre be the mercy of owr Lord, but at all tymes [be] redy to subdue & punysshe all mysdoers & disobeyers of owr lawez & þe contraryours of gode rulez & a-cordyng to our dute roiall woll conforte & assiste all gouernoures vnder vs & kepers & minysters of our lawez in als ample fourme as eny of our progenytours afor tyme haue doon. Wherfor we woll & charge yowe, our mair, Justicez of our pease & shirreffez with-in our cite of Couentre, & euery of yow, that yffe ye fynde eny persone disobeyyng yowe or eny of yowe in executyng youre offices, or yff eny persone denye to pay any taxe, tallage, Imposicion or other dute set on hym in eny of our courtes or by the rule of our sayd cite & gouernours of the same, þat then ye take[1] & imprisonne hym vnto þe tyme he execute, perform & paie all suche duties & oþer thynges as he owyth to doo a-cordyng to þe rule of our sayd citee; & yff nede require we woll þat ye sende vn-to vs the forsayd disobeyours to be punysshyd be vs & our conceill. & we charge yow our said shirrifs þat all tymes her-after requisite ye & your successours let proclayme this oure commandement in our sayd Cite, so þat þe people be ignorans her-of have not excuse in þat behalffe. Yeuen vnder our signet at oure palaice of Westm[ynstre], þe xxix day of Decembre.

and refusal to pay taxes, etc.,

which unlawful demeanour might tend to subvert order and government;

the mayor and others are charged

to imprison such persons,

or send them to the king's council.

This command to be proclaimed.

Given at Westminster Dec. 29.

To our trusty & wele-beloued the mayr & other Justices of our pease & þe shyrryfs of our Cite of Coventre, & to all the Inhabitauntez with-in the seid cite & suberbez and hamlettes of the same.

[1] "them" deleted

ROB. ATTERTON, MAYOR, 1473.

[[1]Election of officers.]

"Couentre." Jan. 25. Electors.

Will. Stafford, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wylgris, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Pynchebek, Joh. Gauge, Will. Pere, Joh. Bette, Will. Saunders, Tho. Dove, Ric. Braytoft, Jun., Rob. Onley, Rad. Calbek, Joh. Mores, Tho. ffoorde, Joh. Hoton, Joh. Seman, Ric. Alen, Tho. Hobbes, Lau. Walgraue, Will. Baxster.

Officers.

[m. Rob. Atterton; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Joh[2] , Joh. Emmottes; w. Will. Shore, Will. Cokkes; mace, Will. Nash.][3]

EASTER LEET.

"Couentre." Apr. 24.

[4][¶ V. f. p. before Rob. Atterton, m., Will. Elys, Will. Thistulton, b., on Saturday in Easter week, 13 Ed. IV.]

Will. Stafford, Ed. Brogreve, Rob. Bredmedowe, Joh. Wyldegrys, Tho. Bredmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Saunderes, Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Pynchebek, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Rob. Mores,[5] Rob. Blubere, Will. Horsley, Tho. ffoorth, Will. Baxster, Ric. Colyns, Rob. Onley, Tho. Dove, Tho. Ingram, Joh. Illage, Will. Knyght, Will. Pere, Will. Cokes.

Orders of leet. "bakers." Horse-bread.

Hit is ordeyned at this present leete that euery Baker that Baketh horsbred shall make iij loves for j d.; euery loffe weyng v li. & dimidium, and that hit be made of good bene Mele and pese Mele etc. withouten brane or draffe.[6]

"bakers" may decrease the weight of their loaf by 24 silver pennies = one-tenth of a Tower Pound, on condition that they do not buy in the market until 2 p.m.

Also they ordeyn that the Meir shall suffur the bakeres of this Cite to haue ij s. in alowaunce in an hafpeny loffe of this Condicion that they ne non in their name com into the Market till ij of the Clok at aftur-none of the Market day, & þat they shewe the Meire & his Councell what power they haue had to haue batement of ij s. in the fferthyng loffe.

The chamberlains to spend £10 a year on a piece of wall.

Also hit is ordened at this present lete that the Chaumb[e]rlens spend yerely x li vpon the olde wall

[1] leaf 217, back. Scribe B. [2] Blank.
[3] J. Ps. etc. wanting. [4] leaf 218. Scribe of C type.
[5] "Onley" deleted.
[6] *v.* p. 24. Draff = the refuse of malt from the process of brewing or distilling.

betwixt the Newe yate & the Litull-p*ar*ke yate etc., and that the Meir off Couentr*e* effectually se that the mater be put in vre.

"Sheepe faire from Whiteffrier lane to Gosford gate."

[Ordained] that no man occupie their shepe feyre but between the Gosford yate and the White-frere lane and no lawer don [or 6s. 8d. fine].

The Cardinal's Hat in Earl Street is ruinous; there will be jeopardy of murder if it fall;

[Ordained] for-asmuche as the Mese place called the Cardenalles hatt in þe Erle-strete, called Langleyes house,[1] is right runose (?) hith in bildyng, and daly like to fall in þe Comen strete, and doubt be nyght or day gret Iup*er*die shulde be off murdre of people, and at any other tyme lyke Jup*er*die & vtter distruccion or (?) dessawed of the Byldyng*es* about hit; and diu*er*se peynes at diu*er*ses letz afore this tyme haue byn enyoyned the possessours of the seid Mese to haue taken hit doune at tymes passed, which is not don, werffore by the auctorite of this lete the same possessours forfet the same peynes and be am*er*ced in . . .[2] [Ordained] by this lete that the seid Mese and all other Meses beyng in doute to fall in eny p*ar*te of this Cite were thorought[3] p*er*ell myght fall by lyklyhod to the pepull yf the fell Sodenly, that the same Mese and eu*er*y of them be taken don be the possessours of the same afore the fest of Whistontide next Comyng, or elles the possessours of eu*er*y suche [4]not so taken down to forfet for eu*er*y such defaut C s., and so Contynuelly C s. for eu*er*y quart*er* of a ȝere that suche Mese is not taken dou*n*e accordyng to the same peynes and a-merciament*es* to be rered of the lyvelod and godes of the possessour of the same Meses beyng w*ith*in this lib*er*te, half theroff to þe vse of the Meir of this Cite, the other halfe to the Comon vse of this Cite; [so] þ*at* notice of this ordena*u*nce be had to the peopull.[5]

the possessors of the same are to be fined;

and the owners of other

"Ruinous buildings" to pay 100*s.* (£5 0*s.* 0*d.*) and repeat the fine for every quarter of a year that the order is not complied with.

"Asize of vintners and victualers,"

Also Where the vitullers of this Cite diu*er*se tymes Breken assisse of bred, ale & wyne sold w*ith*in this Cite, and sellon[6] & vttren hem otherwyse then the Meir of this

[1] The Langleys held a fee in Coventry. This house, near "le Crown in platea vocata Brodeyatys" had been conveyed by Dame Isabella Langley to her son John shortly before this. Corp. MSS. C. 202.

[2] blank. [3] (?) where-through; through which.

[4] leaf 218, back. [5] MS. pepopull. [6] "selles" deleted.

Cite wynes, fysshe and other vitall of this Cite for the tyme beyng, lymitteth and seyth therin; and also often tymes sellen out of this Cyte for stuffe of the same only for the *propre* encrese of the same[1] vitulours in the hirt of all this Cite, and all peopull confluent to þe same; and also diu*er*se tymes in man*er* distitucen this Cite of Malice of wynes & witail by them vsuelly vsed to be bought be-cause the may not vtter hit after their owne concentes and *p*rices, [2] hit is ordeyned at this *p*resent lecte [by consent] off the same, that eu*er*y vittailler inhabete *with*in this Cite from hen[s]forth duly kepe suche assise of wyne, ale, & other vitall as the Meir of this Cite[3] shall sett, and that no vituler inhabit *with*in this Cite sell hereaft*er* eny wyne or eny other vitall brought to this Cite for the stuffe of the same in gret out of the seid Cite, and that noy (*sic*) vituler of this Cite destitute hereaft*er* this Cite of wynes, or other witall or stuffe vsuelly vsed by theym to stuffe this Cite, vppon the peyne who-so offend in eny of the seid poyntes to forfet at eu*er*y defalt C s., and to haue imp*r*isonament by xx dayes, eu*er*y of the seid fforfettoures to be rered and applied in man*er* & forme afore rehersed.

who sell outside the city,

and make it destitute of provisions at appointed prices.

Every victualler so offending against the assize set "by the mayor"

and selling in gross out of the city

shall forfeit 100*s.* and be imprisoned 21 days.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

¶ [V. f. p. held on Saturday after Michaelmas, 13 Ed. IV.]

"Couentre." Oct. 2.

Will. Stafford, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Brogreve, Tho. Bredmedowe, Joh. Ruyton,[4] Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Joh. Bett, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Onley, Tho. Ingram, Will. Pere, Will. Horsley, Tho. Dove, Rad. Caldebek, Joh. Hadley, Joh. Mores, Joh.[5] Seman,[5] Ric. Braytoft, jun., Ric. Colyns, Ric. Pulton, Will. Shore, Will. Cok*es*, Joh. flyssher.[6]

Jury.

[Ric. Alyn, Joh. Gryme.]

Bailiffs and sheriffs.

[7] Hit is ordeyned be auctorite of þis *p*resent lete that þe Chaundelers of þis Cite from-hensfurth haue no kepers of their Craft, but only the Meir for the tyme beyng to haue þe guydyng of them, as afore tyme hath be vsed.

Orders of leet.

The chaundlers to be ruled by the mayor.

[1] MS. sane. [2] Fresh paragraph in MS.
[3] "can set" deleted. [4] "Will. Pere" deleted.
[5] Deletions. [6] "Lau. Walgraue" deleted. [7] Scribe B.

No casting of muck allowed

Also þat all they that haue stables in Catesby lane frohensfurth cast no muke into þe comien Ryver, nor that they make no mukhilles ther, but carie hit awaye as hit is made, vppon þe peyn who doth to þe contrarie to lese at euery defalt xx s.

or 20*s.* fine.

No leather to be curried within the walls for dread of fire.

Also that all Coriours & Coruisers þat shall corry leddere frohensfurth corry noo ledder within þe walles of þis Cite, vppon the peyn to lese at euery defalt xl s., ffor drede of ffyre.

THE REDEMPTION OF THE FRANCHISES.

Oct. 22, 1473.

The mayor asks assistance of his brethren.

[1]Mem. that the xxij day of October the xiij yere of the kyng [Edw.] the fforth Rob. Atterton, m. (etc.) asked assistaunce of his Brederen for that at (*sic*) he distreyned diuers persones for the money benyng (*sic*) byhynde unto the kyng in the tyme of Joh. Bet then beyng Mayre. Will. Stafford, Mayster of the Trinite yelde, Ric. Braytoft, Edm. Brogreve, Tho. Bradmedow, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Rob. Onley, Joh. Bet, the whiche promised hym assistaunce in all tyme to come.

RIC. BRAYTOFT, MAYOR, 1474.

"Couentre." Jan. 25.

¶ [2][Election of officers.]

8 Electors.

Will. Stafford, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Browgreve, Joh. Wyldegrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Will. Pere, Joh. Gauge.[3]

[m. Ric. Braytoft; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Joh. Ayssheburn, Joh. Grove; w. Hen. Marlar, Will. Taylour, Bowyer; mace, Will. Naysshe.

J. Ps.

Ric. Braytoft, jun., m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Will. Stafford, M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Browgreve.

Key-keepers.

The same except the Recorder.

The leets of this mayor which should be entered here are entered in R. Atterton's time on the preceding leaf.

[4]Mem. quod lete huius Maioris que hic intrarentur intrantur tempore Rob. Atterton, m., folio precedente.

[1] leaf 348, back. [2] leaf 220. Scribe of E type.
[3] The scribe has omitted the remaining 16 names.
[4] Scribe B. Braytoft's leets are entered leaves 219 and back.

EASTER LEET.

¶ [1] [V. f. p. held before Ric. Braytoft, jun. m., Ric. Alyn, Joh. Gryme, b., on Monday after the close of Easter, 14 Ed. IV.] "Couentre." Apr. 18.

Will. Stafford, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Brogreve, Tho. Bradmedo, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Wilgris, Rob. Atterton, Will. Saunders, Rob. Onley, Will. Horselay, Tho. ffoorth, Joh. Hadley, Rob. Blubery, Will. Thistilton, Will. Baxster, Will. Elys, Joh. Assheburn, Joh. Grove, Hen. Marler, Ric. Pulton, Joh. ffyssher, Laur. Walgraue, Joh. Emmottes. Jury.

[Ordained] þat no maner man frohensfurth thak ne couer his house with strawe nor brome within this Cite towardes þe strete or nygh eny other place withinfurth, vppon þe peyn to lose at euery defalt vj s. viij d., and to take such house doon, or els couer hit with tyle, etc. "Against thatch buildings." 6s. 8d. fine.

Also þat euery pavyer þat paveth within þis Cite þat he make goode & sufficient pavyng, vppon the peyn to pave hit newe at his owne charge. "Pauiers."

Also þat no Milner within þis Cite and suberbes þerof holde vp þe awatir (*sic*) aboue þe assise late assised & set in þe watir, vppon þe peyn of vj s. viij d. "Millers water."

Also þat no Bochour within þis Cite fede his hogges at Popyngpitte or at eny oþer place with intrelles of bestes or such filthy thyng like, vppon þe peyn of xl s. "Butchers feeding swine."

Also þat no maner persone of þis Citie frohensfurth rove,[2] but shote at stondyng prikkes & buttes, vppon the peyn, who doth to þe contrarie to lose at euery defalt vj s. viij d. "Shooting at buts only."

Also þat no ffishemonger nor their seruauntes frohensfurth passe þe market to take vp panyers with ffyssh, but to bye theym in þe Croschepyng, vppon þe peyn of vj s. viij d. to þe vse of þe shirrifs. "ffishmongers."

Also þat the dryver of the Bochours Carre frohensfurth throwe his intrelles and oþer stuffe þat he carieth in myddes of þe pitte & not be þe sides, vp þe peyn of vj s. viij d. at euery defalt. "Butchers ffilth."

[1] leaf 219. [2] To shoot at a movable target.

Apr. 24. RECEPTION OF PRINCE EDWARD.

It is granted . . . . . .

[1] *Mem.* that the xxiiij^ti day of the moneth of Aprill, In the xiiij^the yeere of oure soue*r*eyn lorde kyng Edward the iiij^the accordyng to the Rule of the Citie the Meyre called xlviij^ti *per*sones To witt what shuld [be] yeven to oure Soue*r*eyn lorde, the prince Edward. The wich *per*sones after-named graunted $\overset{xx}{\text{iiij}}$ li. a C marke to the prince, and the residue to a Cuppe and in other Charges, etc.

that £80 be raised for the prince's welcoming; 100 marks to go to a cup.

Collectors.

Will. Stafford, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Ed. Browgreve, Joh. Wyldegrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Will. Pere, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Tho. Ingeram, Joh. Gryme, Will. Horsley, Joh. Hadley, Tho. Dovue, Will. Baxster, Joh. Mores, Tho. ffurd, Ric. Colyns, Rob. Blubury, Will. Thistulton, Joh. Aysshebur*n*, Joh. Grove, Hen. Marlar, Tho. Bagott, Ric. Pulton, Will. Cockes, Rob. Jakes, Joh. Emmott*es*, Tho. Wode, Joh. ffyssher, Gal. Artherun, Joh. Castell, Joh. Smyth, Baker, Joh. Douve, Ric. Drought, Tho. Straunge, Ric. Dawes, Bowyer, Nic. Kent, Sim. Birches, Rob. Topclyff, Phil. Rob*ertes*, Tho. Squier, Tho. Bailly, Will. Rowley, Joh. Stanlowe, Ric. Cooke, m*ercer*, Hen. Colyns, Will. Radburn.

These ben the names vnder folowyng of the Collecto*urs* that ben charged to ged*er* $\overset{xx}{\text{iiij}}$ li. aboue writtyn.

Gosford-ward: Joh. Hustyng, Ric. Smith, Rog. Sutton. [£7. 10s. 0d.]

Jurden-well-ward: Ric. Wilson, Hen. Staffordshire, Ed. Holcote. [£5. 10s. 0d.]

Mych-park-strete: Will. Compton, Rob. Tasker, Joh. Stanlowe, Tho. Thorn. [£7. 6s. 8d.]

Bayly-lane: Hugo Hyton, Tho. Chircheman, Joh. Padland. [£6. 0s. 0d.]

Erle-strete-ward: Rob. Jakes, Nic. Halle, Ric. Reynod. [£10. 6s. 8d.]

Brode-yate-ward: Joh. Julyans, Rob. Schawbury, Rob. Lyndsey, Coke. [£4. 0s. 0d.]

Smythford-ward: Pet. Clerkson, Rob. Gardin*er*, Tho. Hawnell. [£6. 0s. 0d.]

[1] leaf 220, back.

Sponne-ward: Will. Goodlad, Will. Hopkeynes,[1] Ric. Turnour. [£10. 0s. 0d.]

Croschepyng-ward: Hen. Balle, Joh. Wilson, Will. Radburn, Rob. ffayreman. [£13. 6s. 8d.]

Bysshop-strete-ward: Joh. Neuman, Ric. Chapman, Rob. Wode, Joh. Gerveys. [£10. 0s. 0d.]

Apr. 28. "Prince cometh to Couentry."

[2] Memorand*um*. That the xxviij^ti^ day of the Moneth of Aprill cam oure lorde prince Edward out of Walys so by Warrewik to Couentre, and the Meire and his brethern *with* the diuers of Cominalte of the seide Citie, clothed in Grene and Blewe, metyng oure seid lorde Prince, vpon horsbake by-yonde the Newe Crosse, in a Chare, beyng of Age of iij yere,[3] there welcomyng hym to his Chaumber and yevyng hym there a C mark in a gilt Coppe of xv Ouncez *with* a kerchyff of Plesaunce upon the seid Coppe; and then comyng in-to [the] Citie. And at Babulake yate there ordeyned a stacion, therin beyng kyng Richard *with* xiij other arrayed lyke as Dukes, Mark*ises*, Erles, Vicouns, and Barons, and lordis *with* mynstralley of the Way*tes* of the Cite, and kyng Richard there havyng this speche here folowyng:

Rex Ricardus. Welcom, full high and nobull prince,
to us right speciall,
To this your chaumbre, so called of Antiquite!
The presens of your noble person reioyseth our[4] hartes all;
We all mowe blesse the tyme of your Natiuite.
The right lyne of the Royall blode ys now as itt
schulde be;[5]
Wherefore God of his goodnes preserue you in bodily
helth,
To us and your tenauntes here perpetuall ioy; and to
all the londis welth!

Also at the Condite afore Richard Braytoft the Elder, a-nother stacion *with* iij Patriarkes there stondyng vpon

[1] Probably ancestor of the Hopkins' family, of Palace Yard, the hosts of Stuart kings and princesses.
[2] leaf 221. "Receivinge prince Edwarde" in a later hand heads this passage.
[3] Space in MS. New or Queen's Cross was at Stivichall.
[4] MS. your. [5] In allusion to the Yorkist descent.

the seid Condite, *with* Jacobus xij sonnes *with* mynstralcy of harpe and dowsemeris,[1] & there Rennyng wyne in on place; and there on of the seid Pat*r*iarkes havyng this speche vnder writtyn:[2]

[Patriarch.] O God most glorious![3] Grounder and Gyder of all *gr*ace!
To vs iij P*at*riarkes thou p*ro*mysed, as scripture maketh rehersall,
That of our stok lynially schuld p*ro*cede and passe
A prynce of most nobull blode and kyng*es* sonne Imp*er*iall;
The wich was full-fylled in God. And nowe referre itt we schall
Vnto this nobull prynce that is here p*re*sent,
Wich entreth to this his Chaumb*er*, as prynce full reu*er*ent.

Also at the Brode*y*ate a Pagiont; and seint Edward beyng therin *with* x a-states with hym, *with* mynstralcy of harpe & lute, and kyng Edward havyng this speche next foloyng:

[King Edward.] Nobull prynce Edward, my Cossyn & my knyght,
And v*er*y prynce of our*e* lyne com yn[4] dissent![5]
[6] I, seint Edward, haue pursued for yo*ur* faders Imp*er*iall right,
Wherof he was excludid by full furi*us* Intent.
Vnto this yo*ur* Chaumber, as prynce full excellent,
3e be right Welcom; thanked be Crist of his sonde![7]
For þ*at* that was oures is nowe in yo*ur* faders hande.

Also at the Crosse in the Croschepyng, were iij p*ro*phett*es* standyng at the crosse seynsyng,[8] and upon the Crosse a-boven, were Childer of Issarell syngyng and castyng out Whete obles[9] *and* floures, and iiij pypis rennyng wyne.

[1] dulcimers.
[2] "Nobull prince Edward, my Cossyn and my knyght.
And *very* prynce of oure lyne comen by dissent"
is deleted.
[3] "and" deleted. [4] MS. comyn.
[5] "verte folium" follows. [6] leaf 221, back.
[7] Sonde = messenger. [8] burning incense. [9] cakes.

Also in the Croschepyng a-fore the Panyer, a Pagent[1] and iij Kynges of Colen therein with other diuers arraied and ij knyghts armed with mynstralsy of small pypis, and one of the Kynges havyng this speche vnder writtyn :

[A King of Cologne.] O splendent Creator! In all oure speculacion,
More bryghter then Phebus, excedent all lyȝt!
We thre kyngs beseche the, with meke mediacion,
Specially to preserue this nobull prynce, þi knyght,
Wich by Influens of thy grace procedeth a-right.
Of on of vs thre lynnyally, we fynde,
His Nobull Moder, quene Elizabeth, ys comyn of þat kynde.

Also vpon the Condite in the Croschepyng, was seint George armed; and a kynges doughter knelyng a-fore hym with a lambe; and the fader & the moder, beyng in a toure a-boven, beholdyng seint George savyng theire doughter from the dragon; and the Condite rennyng wyne in iiij placez, and mynstralcy of Orgonpleyinge, and seint George havyng this speche under writtyn :

[Saint George.] O myghty God! Oure all socour celestiall!
Wich þis Royme hast geven to dowere
To thi moder, and to me, George, proteccion perpetuall,
Hit to defende from Enimies ffere & nere;
And as this mayden defended was here,
Bi thy grace, from this Dragon devoure,
So, Lorde, preserue this noble prynce, and euer be his socoure!

OATH TO PRINCE EDWARD.

[2]Also the iij[de] day of May the Meire & his Brethren were sende fore to com a-fore my lorde prynce, and there were desired to be sworen vnto hym in like wyse as here is vnder written. And also oure seid lorde chargyng the meyre to swere the comente of the Cite after the same fforme as ffoloweth :— May 3.

[1] This was perhaps the shearmen and taylors' pageant. They would have the necessary costumes for the Magi.—Hardin Craig, 115. [2] leaf 222.

"Mayor and Citizens sworn to the prince."

I knowlege, take and repute you, Edward, Prynce of Wales, Duc of Cornewaille, and Erle of Chestre, first begoten sonne of oure soue*r*aign lorde, Edward the iiij^the^, kyng of England, and of ffraunce and lorde of Ireland, to be verray and vndoubted heire of oure seid soue*r*aign lorde as to the Corunes and Roy*au*mes of England and ffraunce and lordship of Irland, and pr*o*mytte and swere that in cas herafter hit happon you by Goddes disposicion to ouerlyve oure said soue*r*aign lorde, I schall then take and accept you for true verray and rightwys kyng of England and of ffraunce and lorde of Ireland, and feithe & trowthe to you schall bere, and in all thynges truly and feithfilly behaue me toward you and your heires, as a true and feithfull subgett oweth to behaue to his soue*r*aign lorde and rightwys kyng of England and of ffraunce and lorde of Irland. And I schal be redye at all tymez accordyng with my duete to com at your callyng and to geve you attendaunce; and, yf the case so require, to leve and to dye in your lawful quarell. And from hensforth I schall eschewe and forbere to geve, take or resceyve any lyueree, reteigndour or cognesaunce, otherwyse then may accorde with the lawe and the statutes in that behalfe made. So helpe me God at the holy dome and by the holy euangelies.

They take oath to live and die in his quarrel,

and take no liveries.

THE MEASURES.

Exchequer Memoranda Easter term 1474 in the roll on the side of the King's Remembrancer.

On May 12 in that term comes before the Barons a certain J. Wyldgrys of Coventry in his own person and showed the Court here two iron rods, one a yard long, another an ell long, used for measuring saleable cloth and other measurable things to be sold in the city, begging through the favour

In memor*andis* Scaccarii videlicet inter Recorda de *termino* Pasche [14 Ed. IV.] *in* Rotulo ex parte Remem*oratoris* Regis.

Mem. quod duodecimo die Maii hoc *termino* venit hic coram Baronibus quidam Joh. Wyldegrys, Ciuis Ciuitat*is* Couentre, in propria persona sua, et exhibuit Curie hic duas virgas ferrias (*sic*), vnam longitudinis vnius virge et aliam longitudinis vnius vlne, pro pannis venalibus & aliis rebus mensurabilibus in Ciuitate predicta vendendis vsitatas, petens ex gracia

of the court in the city's name that these rods be placed by the side of the standard of the Exchequer, to prove if the same yard and ell were legal measures and corresponded to the Exchequer standard or no. Whereupon on the same day the said yard and ell having been compared with the Exchequer yard, it appears to the barons that the said yard brought by J. Wyldegrys is of standard length, and that the ell is equal to the length of a yard and a quarter according to the standard yard of the Exchequer. The same yard and ell thereafter, that is to say on May 20, 1474, are delivered sealed with the Exchequer seal to J. Wyldegrys, here present in the name of the city, to be used as lawful measures agreeing with the standard of the Exchequer, henceforward in the city for measuring cloth and other things. . .

Curie nomine Ciuitatis predicte virgas predictas standardo huius Scaccarii apponi, vt probetur si eedem virga & vlna legales mensure & standardo huius Scaccarii concordantes fuerint necne. Et super hoc, eodem die dictis virga & vlna standardo virge huius Scaccarii appositis, plane videtur Baronibus dictam virgam per prefatum Joh. Wyldegrys hiuc delatam standardo virge huius Scaccarii in longitudine fore concordantem, dictamque vlnam longitudinis vnius virge & vnius quarterii vnius virge secundum mensuram standardi dicte virge huius Scaccarii equaliter fore. Eedem virga & vlna postea, scilicet xx^mo^ die Maii dicto anno quartodecimo, sigillo domini Regis huius Scaccarii sigillate deliberantur prefato Joh. Wyldegrys, nomine Ciuitatis predicte hic presenti, vt mensure legales standardo huius Scaccarii concordantes pro pannis venalibus & aliis rebus mensurabilibus in Ciuitate predicta de cetero vluandis vsitande (*sic*) etc.

STATUTE OF WINCHESTER.

[1] Thies ben the Statutes of Wynchestur Ennakte & publisshed by the kyng and all his lordes Spirituall & Temporall thorough-out Ingelond vpon all maner vittellars and other diuerse men of Craft etc.

Be the discression [and] ordinaunce of all the Royalme of Englond Spirituall & Temporall of all maner wyghtes & mesures þat was made by the graynes of whete; þat is to

Weights and measures. Troy weight, etc.

[1] leaf 222, back. Beautifully written with occasional words and marginal notes in red. Statutes of the Realm, I. 117, 201: *et passim.*

32 grains of wheat make a sterling or pennyweight.
20 dwts. = an ounce;
12 oz = 1 lb.

vnderstond þat xxxij graynes of whete take out of the mydens of the Ere makith a sterling oþer-wyse called a peny; & xx sterling maketh an Ounce; and xij Ounce maketh a Pounde for siluer, golde, bred & Mesure; wich weyght makith a pynte of Whete; & ij pyntes maketh a quart; & ij quartes maketh a Pottell; & ij Pottels makith a Gallon; & viij Gallons makith a Buysshell, and neyther hepe nor Cantell;[1] and to be striken with a Rasyd stryke;[2] and viij Buysshelles makith a Quarter, striken with a Rasid stryke, and neyther hepe nor Cantell.

Corn measure.
2 pints = 1 quart;
2 quarts = 1 pottle;
2 pottles = 1 gallon;
8 gallons = 1 bushel;
8 bus. = 1 quarter.

Also the same tyme was ordeyned by the kynge and all his lordes Spirituall & Temporall that the seid xxxij^{ti} graynes of whete take out of the mydde*s* of the Ere makith a sterling peny & xx^{ti} sterling makith a Ounce of haburdepeyse; and xvj Ouncez makith a li., to be devyded from the most part in-to the lest part to by & sell Spycers by and all her Chaffer þat perteyneth vnto weyght, & so ij li., iiij li., viij li., and soo furth to the C., and to þis day þe C[3] ys trewe after $\overset{xx}{v}$ for the C, the wich kepes weyght & mesure l li. the halfe C, xxv^{ti} li. the quartern, xij li. & halfe the halfe quartern, þe wich was called of olde tyme beyng Stone of London, & vj li. & a quartern ys the halfe Stone,[4] as it appereth in Magna Carta. & þat is oo weyght & oo mesure thorough-out Englond for a C after this weyght; ij buysshell Whete & halfe a C weyght, a buysshell whete and a quartern weyght, halfe a buysshell & xij & halfe Weyght a pekke, and so furth weyght fro weyght vnto the seid sterlyng; all the weyghtes & mesures to be occupyed with trewe beme and ballaunce, and that the Tonge of the beme enclyne vpon the on part nor on the oþer part, but þat hitt kepe the mydde*s* of the beme.

Avoirdupois.
32 grains = 1 dwt.;
20 sterling = 1 oz.
16 oz = 1 lb.
The hundred (cwt.) = 5 score lbs.;
50 lbs. = half a hundred; 25 lbs. = a quarter;
12½ lbs. = half quarter, or Stone.
6¼ lbs = ½ Stone.
2 bus. = ½ cwt.
1 bus. = ¼ cwt.
½ bus. and 12½ lbs. = 1 peck.

Long measure.
3 barley corns = 1 in.
12 in. = 1 ft.
3 ft. = 1 yd.

Also hitt was ordeyned at the same tyme that iij barley-Cornes take out of the midde*s* of the Ere makith a Inche; and xij Inches makith a foote, and iij fote makith a yarde. And hit to be sysed and sealed & therupon to

Cloth measure.

[1] = a part or portion, *N. E. D.* s. v. Cantle.
[2] Hence strike = a bushel.
[3] The modern cwt. = 112 lbs. must be "a long hundred."
[4] A stone now = 14 lbs.

be marked a true halfe yarde, quarter, halfe quarter, Nayle, and halfe Nayle; the Elle to be v quarters of the yarde in lengthe, and hitt to be sysed and sealed and þat hit be marked in iiij partes accordyng for an Eln; and out of the seid yard growith a Rodde to mesure lond by, the wich Rod conteyneth in lengthe v yardes & halfe. Also for a Gauge for ale, bere & wyne growith out of the seide yard. The wyghtes & mesures accordyng vnto the Statutes Ennakte as it apperith in Magna Carta.

1¼ yds = 1 ell.

Land measure. 5½ yds = 1 rod.

Also ther is a Statute late made that the seid wyghtes & mesures schuld rest in the kynges Eschekour, that euery Citie, brorough, (*sic*) Town & village schuld sett their wyghtes there [or euery mayor or steward of franchise to pay £10, a bailiff £5, a constable 40s.]

All weights to be according to the standard at the Exchequer, or officials to be fined.

Statutes de Wynchestur de vitellers & de aliis hominibus a [? et] artificiis vt patet suprascripte.

Statute of Winchester of victuallers and other artificers.

ffurst the syse of a Millar is þat he schall not haue no Mesures at his mille, But thei be sysed and sealed accordyng to the kynges standard; and he schall haue of euery buysshell of whete j quart for the Gryndyng, and if he fett hitt a-nother for the fettyng [and of a bushel of malt 1 pint for each of these items.] Nother that he water nother chaunge no mannes corne to geve hym the wers for the better. Nother that he water nother chaunge no mannes corne to geve hym the wers for the better; nother he schall haue no hogges, Gees ne duckys at hys Mille, nor no maner of Pultre but iij hennes and on Cokke; and if he do the contrary to any [1]of thies his fyne is at euery tyme xl d., and if he well nott be war by iij warnynges, the iij[de] tyme he to be Juged to the Pillory.

"Millers" to take 1 qt. of every bushel for grinding, and another for fetching.

To have only 3 hens and 1 cock at his mill or 40*d.* fine; and the pillory.

Also the sise of a Baker is vj d. highing and vj d. lowing in the prise of j quarter whete, for and he lake j vnce in the weyght of a q[a] loffe he to be merced at xx d., and yf he lak j vnce and a halfe he to be merced at ij s. in all maner brede so lakkyng; and yf he bake ouer þat sise he to be Juged vnto the Pillory.

"Bakers" to sell bread [? at the ratio of ½*d.* in] every 6*d.* of the price of a quarter of wheat; those lacking 1 oz. in the farthing loaf pay 20*d.* or 1½ oz. pay 2*s.*, and over this pillory.

[A Brewer's assise] is xij d. highing and xij d. lowing in the price of a quarter Malte, and euermore shilling to q[a], ffor when he breth [? breweth] a quarter Malte for ij s.

"Brewers" to sell ale at the ratio of ½*d.* in every shilling of the

[1] leaf 223.

price of a quarter of malt; thus to sell at ½*d.* a gallon when malt is 2*s.* a quarter; and at ¾*d.* when it is at 3*s.* and at 1*d.* when at 4*s.* and so forth.

then schall he selle a Gallon of the best ale for an ob., and so to make xlviij gallons of j quarter malte, and when he byeth for iij s. iij q^{a} a gallon, iiij s. iiij q^{a}, v s. v q^{a}, vj s. vj q^{a}, vij s. vij q^{a}, viij s. viij q^{a} a gallon and no ferther; and þat he sett no ale to Sale tyll he haue sent after the ale tasters. And as ofte as he doth the contrary he to be amerced at vj d. And þat he sell non but be mesure sised and sealed. And [þat] he sell a quart of the best ale with-Inne hym opon his tabull for an ob. And if he do the contrary to any of thies, or and he sell not after the price of malte he to be amerced [12d. for the first time, the second 1s. 8d., if two warnings insufficient the third to be judged to the "Cukkyngstole" and after to the pillory.]

Ale to be tested by ale tasters.

Measures to be sealed.

"Bochers" to take only 1*d.* in the 1*s.* profit.

[A butcher's assize] is that he shalbe no excesse taker more thanne of the shilling j d. Þe hede, the gadir,[1] the offall and the fete for the skynne and the tallowe shall goo with the karkeyse of all such Catell as fedeth, and of all such Catell as ffedeth not he schall haue but the hed, the offall and the skynne; nor þat he sle no bullis fflesshe but yf hit be bayted, nor Cowe þat is a bullyng nor grete with Calffe, nor no Ewye that is on Rammyng nor grete with lambe, nor no sowe þat is a brymmyng[2] nor grete with pygges. Nor þat he sell no Currupte fflessh; [or pay for the first time, 12d., the second 1s. 8d., the third 3s. 4d.]. And if he sell any fectyff[3] fflesshe he to be Juged to the Pillore.

The head, pluck (etc.) of grazing cattle to go with the carcase.

Bulls to be first baited.

No corrupt flesh to be sold.

"ffyschers" not to forestall the market.

[A fisher's assize] is that he schal-be non excesse taker more þan the shilling j d., nor þat he schall not for-stall no market, nor þat he house no maner of ffysshe, but þat he sett hitt in the pleyne market plase, nor þat he water no maner of ffysshe twyes, nor þat he sell no fectiff ffyssh, [or pay the first time 12d. the second 1s. 8d.] the iij^{de} tyme he to be Juged vnto a peyre of Stokkes openly in the market place.

"Cookes"

[A cook's assize] is þat selleth both flessh and ffysh;

[1] The pluck (heart, liver and lights) of an animal esp. of a sheep or calf. *N. E. D.* s. v. Gather, where the earliest quotation is dated 1530.

[2] *v.* Gloss. [3] infected.

and þat he sell no maner flesshe and ffysshe but hitt be good, holsum & sesonnable both in sethyng, Rostyng and bakyng; and þat he seth, Rost nor bake no maner of mete twyes; for and itt may be provid his fyne is att euery tyme xl d. and if he will not be warre be ij warnynges, the iij^de tyme to be Juged to þe pillory.

to sell wholesome and seasonable meat; not twice cooked.

[An "Inholder's" assize] is þat his mesures be sised and sealed that [he] sellith his provendore by, and he to haue of euery buysshell provendar j d. wynnyng ouer the market gooth;[1] and his bottell of haye of an ob. shall way vij lb. and his liter free, or elles to wey j penyworth of horsbred, kepyng the sise þough j lode of heye be solde for xiij s. iiij d. And his ffagott of wodde of an ob. schal-be iij schaftmond[2] and a halfe a-bout and a yerde of lenthe. And his ffagott of j d. schal-be vij schaftmond a-bout, kepyng the same lenght. And he schall sell j potte of iij pyntes of the best ale within hym for j d., and yf he be a Brewer to sell as another brewer doth. And þat he bake no maner brede within hym to sell, [or pay the first time 12d., the second 1s. 8d., the third 3s. 4d.] and so ffurth. And yf he kepe any Bawdery within hym his fyne is at euery tyme vj s. viij d. And yf he will nott be war of ij warnynges the iij^de tyme he to be Juged vnto the pillore and after to for-swere the town.

"Inne holders" to have 1*d.* profit on every bushel;

and to sell bottle of hay for ½*d.*; which is to weigh 7 lbs.;

and 3 pints of ale for 1*d.*

No baking of bread;

no bawdry;

for the 3rd offence the pillory and to forswear the town.

[3] [A taverner's[4] assize is] that he schal-be non excesse taker more thenne of j gallon Redde wyne and white wyne but ij d. of the gallon wynnyng, and of alle oþer Swete wynes iiij d. of the gallon wynnyng, and that he sett no wyne to sale till he haue sende after the Officers of the town to tast it and to se that hett be good and able wyn; and þat his vessels be gawged and so marked on the hedes. And he to be sworne by-fore the Officers of the town what hitt cost hym; and after þat he to sell his wyn. And þat he selle non but be mesure sised and sealed. And that he make nor melle no maner wyn within his

"Tauerners" to have 2*d.* profit in the gallon of red and white wine; of other wines 4*d.*

He is not to make or mix

[1] ? goes.

[2] The measure of the palm with the thumb extended, gen. taken as six inches. O.E. sceaftmund = a palm, a palm's length. (*E. E. D.* s. v. Shaftment.)

[3] Leaf 223, back.

[4] Evidently sells wine; while an inn-holder sells only ale.

wine in his tavern,

Tauerne, and if he do the contrary to any of thies he to be amerced [first time 12d., second 1s. 8d., third 3s. 4d.] and so fforth. And yf he sell any fectiff wyn his Tauerne durre to be sealed Inne, and he to make a fyne at the kynges wyll, or of the lordes of the ffraunchies, and after to be Juged accordyng to the statute.

and if he sell defective wine his tavern door is to be sealed in.

"Talow-chaundelers"

[A tallow-chaundler's assize] is that selleth Otemele sope & other diuerse Chaffers, that his wyghtes & mesures be sised and sealed and trewe beme, for when he bieth j lb. of Tallowe for an ob., þan schall he sell j lb. of Candell for a d., and that is a qª for the weke and a-nother for the werkemanship, and Right so as talowe highegh and loweth he to sell his Candels [or 12d. fine the first time, 1s. 8d. the second, 3s. 4d. the third] And yf his stuffe be nott good or lakke of his wyght or ande he sell not after the price of talowe, he to forfet þat is forfetable, and he to be amerced and Juged accordyng to the forme of the Statute.

to sell 1 lb. of candles for 1*d.* which is ½*d.* for the wick and ½*d.* for work-manship.

"Spycers"

not to sell by guess.

[A spicer's assize] is that his weyghtes be sised & sealed and true beme, and þat he sell by no hernes,[1] nor by ayme of hande, nor by no maner of subtilte to the disseyte of the Comons; and that his spyces be good and clene garbelid[2] [or 3s. 4d. fine every time, and after two warnings the third time to be judged to the pillory].

"Wevers" not to sell thrums.

[A weaver's assize] ys that he wey by no stones nor be no maner of weyghtes but if thei be sised and sealed and true beme, nor þat he sell no man's Thrommes,[3] lynnen ne wollen, [or to be amerced and judged according to the Statute].

"Tanners"

[A tanner's assize is] that he tanne no Shepys leddur, Derus leddur, Gettys leddur, horse ledur nor houndes leddur, nor that he tanne no maner leddur to selle but if itt be thorowe tanned, and yf [he] do the contrary to any of thies his fyne ys at euery tyme vj s. viij d., and to forfett that that is forfetable, and yf he will nott bewar of ij

to tan thoroughly.

[1] ? Earnest.

[2] Garble = to clean away the refuse of spice. v. *N. E. D.*, where all the examples are later than this. The term comes from Arabic.

[3] = waste ends of warp after the cloth is woven.

Warnynges, the iij^de tyme he to be Juged acordyng to the forme of the Statute.

"Cordeners" to make boots and shoes of good neat's leather.

Also the sise of a Cordener is that he make no maner of Schoys nor bootes but of good nettys ledur and calves ledur, and þat it be thorough tannyd and thorowe Coryed, and þat he Cory no lethir within hym. And yf he do the contrary to any of thies hys fyne ys at euery tyme vj s. viij d. and to forfett that is forfetable; and yf he will nott bewarr be ij warnynges, the iij^de tyme he to be Juged according to the forme of the Statue.

"Corriours" to curry leather thoroughly tanned, and viewed by the searcher.

Also the sise of a Corriour is þat he corry no maner of lether but yf it be thorowe tanned, neuid,[1] coried, with sufficient stuffe and that itt be serched and sen by an offycer of the town to se that the stuffe be good and able and that the lether be well corryed and yf he do the contrary to any of thies he to be amercyed and Juged acordyng to the forme of the Statue.

"Whittawers" to dress sheep's, goat's, deer's, horse's and hound's leather.

Also the sise of a whittawer is that he make nor tawe no maner of lether but Shepis lether, Gettes lethir, deris ledur, horse-lethir, or houndes-lether, and that itt be made with sufficient stuffe, and yf he do the contrary to any of thies he to be amerced & Juged accordyng to the forme of the Statute.

"Alle maner craftsmen"

to have proper weights.

Also the sise is that no mercer, Grocer, Draper, Smyth nor no other crafty man by nor sell no maner thyng that apperteyneth to weyghtes and mesures, but yf ther weyghtes and mesures be sised & sealed [2] accordyng[3] to the Kynges Standard A[nd] yf he do the Contrary to any of thies he to be amerced and Juged accordyng to the fforme of the Statute.

"fforstallers and Regratours"

forbidden to impair the market by forcing people to buy at second hand.

Also the sise ys that no maner of man nor woman schall not stalle nor Regrate no markett, nor noþing that schall com there-too, noþer withinne the town nor without, wher thorough the markett shuld be the Wers and the pore Comons gretely hurte to by as the ij^de honde; and he that doth the Contrary to any of thies he to be amerced and Juged accordyng to the forme of the Statute etc.

[1] I can make nothing of this word; it is plainly written; possibly letters are omitted.

[2] leaf 224. [3] "accordyng" repeated at top of leaf 224.

THE WAR TAXES.

[Jul. 22.

[The king to the mayor and sheriffs of Coventry, present and to come, greeting. Know ye that the commons of our kingdom of England in our present parliament, with the advice and assent of the lords spiritual and temporal being in the same, have granted us, to the honour of God and our aid, for defence of our subjects and the community of the same and the necessities of this our kingdom against our and their ancient and mortal enemies, a whole fifteenth and tenth, in part satisfaction and payment of the wages of thirteen thousand archers, each of them taking 6*d.* a day for one whole year, to be received and raised from the goods and chattels, and also from other things liable to be contributory within counties, cities, boroughs, vills, and other places of the said kingdom, in manner and form hitherto accustomed; to be levied and paid at the feast of S. Martin in Winter next to come, which will be 1474. Except the exceptions and deductions, as they are specified more fully in an act made with

[1] Edwardus, Dei gra*cia* (etc.) Maiori & vicecomitib*us* Ciuitat*is* Couentr*ie*, qui[2] nunc sunt & qui p*ro* tempore erunt, Salu*tem*. Sciat*is* q*uod* co*mmuni*tates regni no*str*i Angl*ie* in p*re*senti parliamento no*str*o, de auisamento & assensu d*omi*norum sp*iritu*alium & tempo*r*alium in eodem existen*cium*, ad Dei honorem no*str*iq*ue* assistenciam, p*ro* cele*ri* atq*ue* necces*saria* hui*us* regni no*str*i subditor*umque* nostror*um*, [et] Co*mmunitat*is eiusdem defencione cont*ra* no*str*os eor*umque* antiquos ac mortales inimicos, concesserunt nob*is* vnam integram quintamdecimam & decemam,[3] in partem contentac*ion*is & soluc*ion*is vadior*um* tresdecim Millium homi*num* architenencium, quol*ibet* eor*um* sex denar*ios* p*er* diem p*er* vnum annum integrum p*er*cepturo, in p*re*senti parliamento no*str*o intuitu p*re*missor*um*[4] nob*is* p*er* eandem Co*mmuni*tatem concessor*um*, p*er*cipiend*as* et leuand*as* de bonis & catall*is* necnon cete*ris* reb*us* ad tales quintasdecimas & decimas contribuere[5] atq*ue* oner*abilib*us infra Com*itatus*, Ciuitates, Burges[3] & villas, aliaq*ue* loca hui*us* d*icti* regni no*str*i, modo & forma hactenus vsitat*is*; leuand*as* & soluend*as* in festo S. Martini in Yeme p*roxim*o futur*um*, quod erit in anno d*omi*ni Mille*s*imo CCCC^mo^ septuagesimo quarto. Saluis tamen excepc*ionib*us & deducc*ionib*us p*rout* in quodam

[1] leaf 225. [2] Repeated. [3] *Sic.*
[4] A stroke of "m" wanting. [5] *Sic.* ? some omission.

regard to the same in the present parliament.

[We, fully understanding that a whole fifteenth and tenth within the county of the aforesaid city amount to £62 17*s.* 5*d.*,
wishing also to have the said sum at Martinmas according to the aforesaid concession, have appointed by these letters patents our beloved Tho. Bayly nominated for the said community in our chancery to levy and collect the said £62.17*s.*5*d.* from such places, persons and goods within the said city and the fee of the county of the same, in such manner as tenth and fifteenth were wont to be raised in the said city and county;

and we appointing the said sum thus collected to be deposited by the said collectors in the place or places where the sum of the tenth part, granted to us by the aforesaid community in our present parliament, of the yearly value of the issues and profits of all lands and tenements, rents, fees, annuities, offices, corrodies and pensions, shall be kept.

[Therefore we have assigned you, and committed power and authority to you to supervise the said collectors at all requi-

actu eiusdem parliamenti superinde confecto plenius specificantur.

Nos ad plenum intelligentes quod integra quintadecima & decima infra Comitatum Ciuitatis predicte extendunt se ad sexaginta & duas libras, decem & septem solidos & quinque denarios, volentesque proinde de eadem summa ad dictum festum S. Martini iuxta concessionem antedictam responderi, per has litteras patentes assignauerimus dilectos nobis Tho. Bayly, haburdassher, Will. Hopkyns, deister, Will. Hedde, deyster, Joh. Yale, peweturer, Joh. Totte, Rog. Vikers de Wykyn, Joh. Bedull de Stychall & Rob. Rondaunt de Stoke, per eandem Communitatem in Cancellariam nostram nominatos, ad leuandos & colligendos dictos sexaginta & duas libras, decem & septem solidos & quinque denarios, de talibus locis, personis atque bonis infra dictam Ciuitatem & Comitatus eiusdem ffeodum, modo sicuti ante hec tempore[1] quintadecima & decima in eadem Ciuitate & Comitatu predicte leuari consueuerunt,[2] ipsamque summam, sic collectam, in loco siue locis vbi summa decime partis valoris vnius anni tam exituum & proficuorum omnium tarrarum[1] & tenementorum, reddituum, feodorum, annuitatum, officiorum, corrodiorum & pencionum nobis in presenti parliamento nostro concessa[1] per communitatem antedictam habetur custodienda, per ipsos Collectores deponendam; assignauimus igitur vos, ac vobis potestatem

[1] *Sic.* [2] Stroke of last "u" missing.

site times within the said city and the county of the same, and to employ your diligences at reasonable and convenient times in the supervision of the said collectors, and every of them, as regards the raising of the said sums, as aforesaid, by the same collectors within the limits of our commissions, and the hearing of the account of the said sums collected by the same collectors, and every of them according to the powers of our said commissions, so that if any of the collectors aforesaid shall refuse the burden of collecting the fifteenth and tenth assigned to him or shall not make the collection of the said sum in due form according to his power, or duly bring in the said sums by them in this part to be raised, as is aforesaid, delivered and kept, or thereupon will not make his account duly unto you, ye shall then certify us of such default or defaults of the said collector duly and without delay into our Exchequer.

[And therefore we command you that ye diligently exert yourselves concerning these premises, and perform and execute them in manner aforesaid. And we strictly enjoin all and singular our lieges and other faithful ones and subjects in the city and county aforesaid & auctoritatem commisimus ad predictos Collectores omnibus temporibus requisitis infra Ciuitatem predictam & Comitatum eiusdem superuidendos, diligenciasque vestras temporibus racionabilibus atque conuenientibus in supervisu dictorum Collectorum & cuiuslibet eorundem adhibendo, quo ad summas antedictas per ipsos Collectores infra limites nostrarum Commissionum, vt premittitur, leuandas, Compotumque super dictis summis per ipsos Collectores iuxta vires dictarum nostrarum Commissionum colligendis ab eisdem Collectoribus & eorum quolibet audiendum; Ita quod si aliquis Collectorum predictorum refutauerit onus colleccionis quintedecime & decime predictarum, vt premittitur, sibi assignatum, aut in debita forma secundum suam potestatem collecionem de dicta summa non fecerit, aut debite non introducat dictas summas per ipsos in ea parte leuandas, & vt predicitur, deliberandas atque seruandas, aut superinde compotum rite vobis facere noluerit, quod uos tunc talem defectum siue defectus ipsius Collectoris in Scaccarium nostrum debite ac indilate certificetis.

Et ideo vobis mandamus quod circa premissa diligenter intendatis, ac ea faciatis & exequamini in forma predicta. Damus autem vniuersis & singulis legeis ac aliis fidelibus & subditis nostris infra predictam Ciuitatem & Comitatum eiusdem firmiter in mandatis quod vobis in execucione premissorum intendentes sint assist-

that they exert themselves to aid and assist you diligently in the performance of the same. In witness whereof we have caused these letters patents to be made. At Westminster.

[Jul. 22, 1474.]

entes & auxiliantes in omnibus diligenter. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Wesmonasterium xxij die Julii anno regni nostri quartodecimo.

THE QUEEN'S VENISON.

Sept. 4.

[1] Mem. that oure Souerygne lady, the Quene, hathe yeffen [2] to the Maire & his worshipfull Brethern and to the Mairasse & hir Sisters xij bukkys, vj of the saide Bukkys vnto the seid Meire & vj to the Mairasse, the iiij[th] day of September, the xiiij[th] yere of oure souerign lordes Reign.

By the Quene.

"xij bucks giuen the City by the Queen," to the mayor and his brethren and the mayoress and her sisters from Feckenham Forest.

"xij Buckes."

We woll and charge you to deliuer or [do] to be deliuered vnto oure trusty and wel-beloued the Maire and his brethrun of my lordis Citee of Couentre and theire wifes, or to the brynger herof in their names, xij bukkys of this season To be takyn of oure Yefte as-well within oure forest [of] ffekenham as within our parke of ffekenham To be euenly distribued amonges them; that is to sey vj of the saide bukkys vnto the saide Mair and his brethrin, and that other vj of them vnto their saide wyfes, any restreingt or commaundement to the contrary herof directed vnto you hertofore Notwithstandyng, and that [these] our lettres shalbe youre sufficient waraunt a-yenst vs in that behalue. Yeuen vnder our signet at my said lordes Citie, the iiij[the] day of September, the xiiij yere of my said lordis Reign.

From Coventry, Sept. 4, 1474

To oure trusty and welbeloued the Maister of our game of oure fforest and parke of ffekenham and to alle þe fforsters and kepers þere, and their deputes and to euerych of theym.

[1] leaf 224. [2] "the" deleted.

8 bucks are received, of which the officials' families have 2 between them, while 6 are divided with money among the wards.

Also receved viij Bukkes of the forseid xij Bukkes a-boue wryttyn, ij bukes of the forseid viij to the Meire and his Brethern, the Chaumberleyns, Wardens, & theire wyvez, and the other vj Bukkes to the wardes, that is to witt iij quarters of a buk to the Bysshop-strete ward and vj s. viij d. in Money. [Cross Cheaping, Spon Street, and Earl Street wards each have the same; Smithford, Much Park and Gosford Streets, Broadgate, Bayly Lane and Jorden Well receive respectively half a buck and 5s. Four men in every ward have the disposition of the venison and money.]

THE FIFTEENTH.

Nov. 11.

[1] [Names of collectors of the Martinmas fifteenth, which is £50 from the town and £12. 17s. 5d. from the "fforeynes."

Gosford Street ward: Joh. Knyght, weuer, Joh. Hastynges £5. 16s. 0d.

Jorden Well ward: Hen. Staffordshire, Will. Huett, Rob. Mason, £4. 0s. 0d.

Much Park Street ward: Will. Compton, Rob. Crosse, Will. Jauderell £5. 0s. 0d.

Earl Street ward: Ric. Orderich, Ric. Reynold, Will. ffurd, Scherman, £6. 0s. 0d.

Bayly Lane ward: Tho. Bayly, Tho. Plant, Joh. Padland, £3. 16s. 0d.

Broadgate ward: Tho. Napton, Joh. Neele, Rob. Schawbury, £2. 10s. 0d.

Smithford Street ward: Joh. Toty, Tho. Hampton, Her. Mille, £4. 0s. 0d.

Spon Street ward: Ric. Euerdon, Will. Paynell, Will. Hopkyns, £5. 13s. 4d.

Cross Cheaping ward: Joh. Pope, Deister, Will. Hed, Deyster, Tho. Maydford, £7. 12s. 0d.

Bishop Street ward: Joh. Yale, Tho. Huyton, Will. Rose, £5. 13s. 4d. Total £50. 0s. 8d.

Collectors of the "fforreynes" and what each "hamell" pays. Rog. Vykers of Wyken, Joh. Bedell of Styvechale, Rob. Rondant of Stoke, Will. Smyth of ffo[l]sshull.

[1] leaf 224, back. Scribe of E type.

Villa de Styvechale and Asthull £1. 4s. 4d. Sowe and Caladon 16s. 0d. Pynley, Byggyng, Stoke and Whitley £1. 11s. 9d. Wykyn and Wodend £1. 7s. 0d. Coundon and Radford £1. 7s. 0d. Shilton 1s. 4d. Anstey £2. 10s. 6d. ffolshull £2. 3s. 8d. Weston 2s. 0d. Exhall £1. 14s. 4d. Kerusley £1. 7s. 2d.]

Totalis forins*ecorum* xiiij li. v s. j d.

Total of the foreigns £14 5*s.* 1*d.*

THE QUEEN'S THANKS.

[1] *By the Quene.*

Nov. 30. "Seruant of the kings Comitted to prison, and Aproued off by the Queen,"

Trusty and wel-beloued, we grete you well; lettyng you wite that it is sodenly comen vnto oure knoliche howe þat a *se*ruaunte of my lord*es*, called Reignold Bulkeley, newly quareled and frayed w*ith*in my lord*es* Citee of Couentre to the co*m*movyng and distroublyng of my lord*es* peas w*ith*in the same, So þ*at* ne had the grace of God byn and yo*ur* sadde polit[i]*que* guydyng and diligence for the souner appeasyng therof, right grete inconveniente & ieopardiet had ben like to haue ensewed þ*er*uppon, as we ben enformed. ffor the wich youre effectuell deuoirs in þ*at* behalf*es*, besides the many-fold chiertees,[2] hertly & feythfully disposicions (*sic*) by you largely shewed vnto vs and to oure derrest son, þe prince; and in like wyse to all[3] oure childern there in sundry wises hertofore, and namely vnto oure right dere son, the Duc of York, in this tyme of oure absens from thens, we can you right especiall good thank; and wol take yo*ur* kynde & lovyng acquitall therinne in such remembrance of oure good grace & fauoure and so thank-fully shewe the same vnto my said lord that ye shall haue cause to thinke it right wel-besette. And fforas-mych as ye shall nowe certeynly vnderstond þ*at* we entende nott in any wise to mayntene, support nor fauour any of my seide lord*es* se*r*uaun*tes* nor oures in any thair riott*es* or vnfyttyng demeanyng among you, nor elsewhere to oure knowlich, we wol ye wite þ*at* we haue comaunded the [seid] Reignold vnto warde, there to abide the comyng of my lord vnto þe said Citee, To þ*at* ende þ*at* his highnes

who thanks them for their kind-ness to the Prince of Wales

and to the Duke of York,

and promises to inform the king thereof.

The queen will not support any rioters, and has com-mitted the offender to ward.

[1] leaf 225, back. [2] Acts of affection and devotion.
[3] "o*þer*" deleted.

may thenne vpon certeyne knowliche þerunto yeven of the same Reignoldes guydyng forsaid take such direccion for his correccion therinne accordyng to his demerites in þat behalf, & after the laudable ordenaunces & rueles in such case vsed within my said lordes houshold as shall best like the same his highnesse. In such wise as we doubte nott other of like in-disp[o]icion shall mowe therby take a warnesse[1] semblably to attempt herafter.

Ludlow. Yeuen vnder our signet at my lordes Castell of Ludlowe the last day of Nouember.

WAR TAXES.

By the kyng.

Trusty and wel-belouid, we grete you well, And doubte nott but hit is in your remembraunce that by auctorite of this our present parlament ther is graunted vnto vs the x part of all temporall possessions in eny persones handes, not beyng a lorde of parlement, to be applied for the parte of wages aftre xiij m[l] archiers to attende vpon vs in oure grete viage beyonde the see; and to be deliuered vnto vs or oure comissioners aftre such tyme we haue made oure retenue for the same. We lett you wite that we haue entended with the lordes & knyghtes and squiers that shall awaite vpon vs in oure seid viage, and bounden vs by the same to pay vnto theum (*sic*) oon parte of their wages the last day of January next comyng. ffor wich causes we haue deputed our wel-beloued Joh. ffitzherbert to haue the receipt of the seid x parte within oure Citie of Couentre;[2] willyng therfore and also chargyng you to be helpyng and assistyng him in the same in such maner wise and forme as he on oure behalf schall desire of you. Not ffailling hereof as our trust is on you.

"A x part granted to the King,"

for 13,000 archers to go to France,

which Fitzherbert is to receive.

Dec. 3. Yevon vnder our pryue seall at our paleis at West-m[ynstre] the iij[de] day of December.

To oure trusty and wel-belouid
the Meire and Shirreffes
of our Citie of[3] Couentre.

[1] This letter, which is an example of the queen's conciliatory policy, has curious "précieuse" wording throughout, cf. "jeopardiet," "distroublyng," above.

[2] See below, p. 414. [3] repeated and deleted.

A BENEVOLENCE.

Dec. 21. "Kings Letter for Raising money for the wars in ffrance."

[1] Edward by the grace of God king (etc.) to our trusty (etc.) Ric. Braytoft, Maire of our Citee of Couentre, Hen. Boteler, Will. Shore, Will. Marchall, Tho. Warde, Rob. Hadley, Joh. Kent, Will. Stafford, Joh. Draper, and to euerych*e* of thaim, greting, When as aft*er* the long continued troubeles and diuisions of this our Reame of England, by the wich it hath be brought in-to grete desolac*i*on and pouerte to oure grettest sorowe and heuinesse, God knoweth, we the xij yere of our*e* Reigne made to be assembled in oure paleis of Westm[ynstre] the iij estates of oure land in playne p*ar*liament to studie & fynde the most conuenable meanes and waies howe this Reame might be restored to his olde fame & renoune w*ith* encrese of riches and p*rosper*ite, Justice to be set vp and sur peas to be kept inwarde*s*, Idilnesse and riot auoided, entercourse of m*er*chaundise frely to be had and vsed, the land [and] thinhabitant*es* therein mightly to be defended ayenst oure auncien advarsaries and enemies, whan all the waies that might be thought to s*er*ue to this purpose and be exquisitely w*ith* all diligence serched & sought, there cowth none so be-houefull, conuenient, ne so profitable meane be founde, ne taken therfore, as to sett vp a notable and a mighty werre outewarde*s* for the recou*er*e and reduction to oure abeisance of oure old vndoubted enheritaunce*s*, the Duchies of Normandie and Guyen and the Corone and the Reame of ffraunce, wherunto by dyuerse solemne messages and enbassade*s* sent vnto vs from oure derrest Cousins the Duke*s* of Burgoign and Britaign, diuers tymes and yeres, we haue, and yit be, largely required[2] and encouraged, the offering thaimself, thaire subgiett*es*, goode*s* and all their puissant*es*, to s*er*ue vs, in the same oure viage & p*ur*posed enterprise, to the full and p*er*fite achieving of the same in such wise & many[3] of geving thare ayde*s* and assistent*es*, as neuer the like was offred to any of oure p*ro*genitours in dayes past, ne of liklihod shal-be in case

The Parliament, wishing to restore the kingdom to its old fame and prosperity,

chooses the means of a mighty external war against the ancient enemy, France, for that end.

The Dukes of Brittany and Burgundy promise aid;

[1] leaf 226, back. [2] *i. e.* begged, desired.

[3] ? man*er*. This letter, like the one p. 407, is written in a curious style, being an English translation of Latin traditional Chancery language.

the oportunite of this tyme shuld nowe—that God forbede! —[be] vntaken or sett a-part; To the wich also the kyng of Aragon and other grete princes and lordes, our frendes and allies beyonde[1] be a-greable (*sic*) to take oure part.

and the King of Aragon is friendly.

Wherupon these matiers ripely & largely shewed & opened to the seid iij estates of our Reame, and by theire long deliberacions and aduises well alowed and approued, we haue taken vpon vs, vnder the very trust & hope of the conuenient assistentes of our true liege people and subgettes, personally to make our Jorney and passe the See in-to the partes beyond, for the causes aboue-touched, by the moneth of Juyn next comyng, thorough the grace and help of almighty God, so that we may be furnesshed and purveied of such thinges as to so grete a werk must necessarily apperteign.

The king intends to accompany the expedition in person,

through God's grace.

To the wich entent both the lordes and the comons of this oure Reame have made vnto vs by auctorite of oure parliament certaine god and notable grauntes of money to be levied and rered in maner & forme as in the articules therupon passed plainly it doth appier. And forasmoch as the grauntes made by oure seid comons be appointed oonly to serue for mennes wages, archers, and to many[2] other vse, and that none well-aduised man wol doubte but that grete and notable god is requisite and must be had besides for other huge and manyfold charges belonging to such an arme, as in men of armes, ordinances, artillarie, shippes, vitall, carriage, redy tresoure of money for calueltees [? casualties] that necessarily will fall, the wich couth neuer in this land be sufficiently purveied to the prince of the same without assistente loue and kyndnes of such persones, his feithfull subgettes, as God has endewed with yftes of hauour and goodes specially before other.

And the Lords and Commons have granted a certain proportion of the wherewithal;

but only enough for soldiers' wages;

or further provision the king relies on the assistant love and kindness of his subjects.

Therfore it is that at this tyme we directe thees oure present letres vnto you with certein articules of Instructions, praying & neuertheless charging you by the same that ye these oure consider[a]cions, will, & entent, shewe & opene vnto all such personez of oure Cite of Couentre, s[i]ngularly & seuerally, as to your discressions shal-be thought best willing to the [3] prosperouse estate of oure

Commission. Articles of nstruction enclosed

directing the city officials to approach likely people,

[1] = dela. [2] ? none. [3] leaf 227.

*per*sone, to the good & assured conduct of this werke, to the redy & sounest restitucion of this land to his old fame & *pros*per*i*te, except only such *per*sones as haue, [1]in o*ur*e *pre*sence, to oure right sing*u*l*er* plesur, shewed largely vnto vs þair beniuolence in this behalf, whose names w*ith* their g*r*aunt*es* ben comprised in a cedule her-in-closed, and that by all liefull & conuenient meanes ye sturre & move þe same p*er*sones, our*e* feithfull subgett*es* & well-willers, & eue*r*iche of them, except afore except, to shewe by wey of their good wille & beniuolence w*ith* what somes of money or oþerwise it schall please tham to help & assiste vs, takyng of eue*r*ich of tham a bille sealed after the theffecte and forme exp*r*essed in a cedule her-in-closed, sealed w*ith* þair Seales, of such g*r*aunt*es* as theim (*sic*) schall like seue*r*ally to make in this behalf, & at whatt daye or t*er*me it shal-be paied, The wich billes from tyme to tyme [we] will that [they] be send vp vnto vs w*ith* yo*ur* writyng, to þentent þ*at* eue*r*y such p*er*sone may, accordyng to his good wille and m*er*ites, haue of vs his spe*c*iall thanke, and stande in the more ample fauo*ur* of our*e* good g*r*ace. And we desire [and] praye you þ*at* ye fayle not in due & diligent execucion of thies our*e* l*ett*res & desire, as o*ur* p*er*fitte trust is on you, and as ye desire the good spede and accomplisshement of o*ur* said Jo*ur*ney to the publique & vniu*er*sall well of all this our Reame & subgett*es* of the same. Yeuen vnd*ur* oure priue Seel at our*e* Citie of Couentr*e* the xxi daye of Decembr*e* the xiiij yere of our*e* Reigne.

except those who have already contributed,

urging them to show their benevolence by helping the king with a certain sum, and taking from them a bill to that effect.

At Coventry. Dec. 21.

To o*ur* trusty and wel-beloued Richard Braytofte, Maire of oure Citie of Couentre, Henry Botteler, Willi*am* Shore, Willi*am* Marchall, Thomas Warde, Robert Hadley, John Kent, Willi*am* Stafford, John Drap*er*e, Com*m*issioners of o*ur* Citie of Couentr*e*, and to eue*r*iche of thaym.

[1] It looks like "more" in MS.

The instructions of the Commissioners.

These instructions ensuyng beth yeven by the kyng to such *per*sones as his highnesse directeth his letter*s*[1] of Comission vnto *with*in his Citie of Couentre, for the vnderstanding & takyng of such benivolence[2] as his louyng subgette*s* there schall shewe vnto hym towarde*s* his grete viage in-to ffraunce.

To read the commission;

ffurst, that the said Com*m*ission, or the Copie therof, be had & distuntely (*sic*) rad in all those place*s* where the com*m*issioners shalt induce the people to shewe their saide benevolence.

and by all goodly means move the people to give money for waging of men;

Item, that [the][3] said Com*m*issioner*s* moue the people by all the goodly meanes that thei can, that such g*r*aunte*s* as thei wol make in this behalf be in money for waging of men; conside*r*yng that the kyng hath ordenned (beside*s* thees g*r*aunte*s*) to what certaine nomber of men his entier armie shall amount vnto, and therupon hath and woll appoint in certainte eue*r*y Capitaign & his (?) cetornie[4] and endent *with* hym the same.

of which the number has already been determined.

The people to promise to pay in certain bills,

Item, after that the saide Comissioner*s* haue taken of the people the pr*o*mises of their benivolente*s*, and *þer*upon haue receved of thaim billes comprissing the paiement therof according to such fourmes as byn comprissed in a sedule in the kynge*s* co*m*mission enclosed, that they do deliu*er* the said billes vnto the Shirref of the shire were thei be comissioners, to thentent that he may bryng thaim vnto the kyng; So that at the said deliu*er*aunce the comissioner*s* and the Shirref doo endent, betwyx thaim, of the sum*m*e total in all those billes conteigned; that on part therof to be brought by the same Shirref *with* the forsaid billes vnto the kynge*s* highnesse,[5] ther only to remaign & not [be] deliu*er*ed vnt[o] theschequier nor to any other Courte of Record.

which the commissioners shall deliver to the sheriff, who will bring them to the king, keeping a record of the sum total.

First day of payment, Feb. 1, 1475,

Item, that the said Comissioner*s* do so moeve the people that the first daye of ffeuerer next comyng may be[6] the

[1] Reading doubtful.
[2] A stroke of the second "n" is missing. [3] "the" deleted.
[4] or retornie. I give this word up.
[5] Edward IV. is said "to have known the name, and something of the circumstances, of every man of every position in the Realm." Ramsay, II. 453. No doubt he relied on information such as was gathered by these commissioners.
[6] "be" repeated.

first day of payement for that on half parte of their seid beniuolences, Consid*er*yng that soune after that tyme the kyng schall paye to eu*er*y man reteigned in his armie a grete part of his wag*es* for the yere. And that the first day of May next comyng may be the last day of payement for that oth*er* half p*ar*t, Consid*er*yng that aboute *þat* tyme he entendeth[1] w*ith* oure Lord*es* m*er*cy to make his mousters.

last day, May 1.

THE KING'S REQUEST.

By the kyng.

[2] Trusty and wel-beloued, we grete you well; and for certayn grete causes concernyng the well of vs, oure Royme, and subgett*es* of the same, we wol and straitly charge and comaunde you ye, be youre-self or yo*ur* officers and s*er*uaunt*es*, incontinent vpon the sight of thies,[3] do warne[4] p*ar*ticuler[l]y all the gentilmen and other inhabited w*ith*-in this oure Cite & franchise *þ*erof being of the lyvelode of x li. by yere and aboue, that thei and eu*er*i of theim in their p*r*opre p*er*sones apper afore vs on Monday next comyng and to attende vpon vs to vnderstonde our ples*ir* that be schewed vnto *þ*em. And ou*er* this that ye also do warne p*ar*ticulerly, by yo*ur* seid officers and s*er*uaunt*es*, alle man*er* of p*er*sones inhabited w*ith*inne the seide Citee and franchise b[e]yinge, by yo*ur* estimac*i*on, of the haueur of C li. and aboue, in movable good*es* and o*þ*e*r*-wise, that thei and eu*er*i of them yeue their attendance vpon vs the seid day to vnderstande our ples*ir* aforesaid. And furthermore that ye the same Monday in writyng certifie vs as-wel of the names of all the seid gentilmen and other as for *þ*e very value of their said lyvelod*es* and good*es*, Not fayling herof as ye will ansur vnto vs. Yeven vnder our signet at our Cite of Couentre the xxiiij day of December.

The king

enjoins the mayor to ensure the personal attendance of any one of the city having £10 a year upon the king to learn his pleasure;

and also those possessing £100 in movables;

and inform the king of their names and the extent of their possessions.

Dec. 24.

To our trusty and wel-belouid
the maire [5] and Shirreffes of [5]
our Cite of Couentre.

[1] "endent" deleted. [2] leaf 226. [3] "our" deleted.
[4] "you" deleted. [5–5] deleted.

FIREHOOKS, ROPES AND LADDERS.

Protection in case of fire.

These ben the names of theim that [be] admitte in eu*er*y ward for to make the ffyrehokes, rynge*s*, Ropes & ladders. Gosford ward: Ric. Plompton, Joh. Knyght. Jurde*n*-well ward: Will. Banborough, Coupe*r*, Tho. Smyth, wirdrauer. Much-pa*r*ke-strete ward: Joh. Coke, Sadler, Joh. Smyth, Baxster. Bayly-lane ward: Tho. Churcheman, Tho. Robye. Brode-yate ward: Joh. Nitynghale, Rob. Shabury. Smythford ward: Pet. Clerkson, Will. fflecher. Sponne ward: Joh. Derlyng, Tho. Derlyng. Croschepyng-ward: Tho. Warne*r*, Will. ffyssher, Coruise*r*. Bysshop-strete ward: Tho. Oures, Joh. Gerveys. Erle-strete ward: Ric. Cooke, Hen. Kebull.

THE TENTH.

[1] Ista indentura subscripta est in Custod*ia* Will. Stafford.

Dec. 30.

[This indenture, made between R. Braytoft, and Will. Stafford on one part and Joh. Fitzherbert on the other, assigned by letters patent, dated at Westminster Nov. 28 last, among other things to receive in the county of Coventry the tenth part of issues and profits of all lands, tenements, rents, fees, annuities, offices, corrodies and pensions which any person has, not being a lord of parliament, granted in the present parliament at Westminster, opened and held Nov. 6, 12 E. IV. (1472) by authority of parliament to the lord king in part satisfaction and payment of the wages of

Hec indentura, facta inte*r* Ric. Braytoft, jun., m. (etc.) & Will. Stafford M. G. S. T. (etc.) ex vna pa*r*te & Joh. ffitezherbert, ad decimam pa*r*tem exituu*m* et p*r*ofic*uorum* om*ni*mod*orum* terr*arum*, ten*ement-orum*, reddituu*m*, feod*orum*, Annuitatum,[2] officio*rum*, corrodio*rum*, & pensionu*m*, que aliqua pe*r*sona hui*us* Regni Anglie, d*omi*nus pa*r*liamenti non existens, h*ab*uit,[3] in p*r*esenti pa*r*liamento apud Westm[onasterium] sexto die Nouembris a. r. d*omi*ni no*str*i Regis Edwardi quarti pos[t Conquestum] duodecimo inchoato & tento, auctoritate pa*r*liamenti eidem d*omi*no Regi in pa*r*tem contentaci-onis & soluci*on*is vadio*rum* tresdecim millium architenencium, quil*ibet* homo eo*rum* sex denar*ios* p*er* diem p*er* vnu*m* annu*m* integru*m* percepturus,

[1] "The underwritten indenture is in the keeping of Will. Stafford."
[2] Written Annuitatun. [3] *Sic.*

13,000 archers, each man of them to receive 6d. a day for a whole year, beareth witness that

the said Joh. Fitzherbert, by virtue of the letters patent aforesaid, and according to the tenour and effect of the act and concession aforesaid, has received, on the day of the making of these presents, from the aforesaid Ric. Braytoft and Will. Stafford, the heads and governors of the said city, £104 12*s.* 1*d.*, being in their custody and deposited in the same city by the city collectors of the tenth part aforesaid, nominated to levy, collect and receive the said tenth, by the commissioners of the said lord king, by virtue of letters patent directed on another occasion by the said lord king to the same commissioners, deputed to deliver the same to the said lord king according to the effect of the act and grant aforesaid.

[Of which £104 12*s.* 1*d.* the aforesaid J. Fitzherbert acknowledges receipt to the lord king's use, in part payment of 13,000 archers' wages, and says that R. Braytoft and W. Stafford, their heirs and executors, are quit thereof

concessam, per has litteras eiusdem domini Regis patentes datas apud Westm[onasterium] vicesimo octauo die Nov. vltimo preterito inter alia in Ciuitate Couentrie predicta recipiendam assignatum, ex parte altera, Testatur quod predictus Joh. ffitezherbert, virtute litterarum patencium predictarum ac iuxta tenorem & effectum actus [1] & concessionis [1] predictorum, Recepit, die confeccionis presencium, de prefato Ric. Braytoft, Maiore (etc.) & Will. Stafford, superioribus & gubernatoribus [2] Ciuitatis predicte, Centum quatuor libras duodecim solidos & vnum denarium in custodia ipsorum existentes ac in eadem Ciuitate positos per collectores Ciuitatis predicte decime partis supradicte ad huiusmodi decimam partem leuandam, Colligendam & recipiendam per Commissionarios dicti domini Regis virtute litterarum patencium ipsius domini Regis alias eisdem Commissionariis directarum, nominatos [et] deputatos ad dictum dominum Regem iuxta formam & effectum actus & Concessionis predicte liberandos.

De quibus quidem Centum quatuor libris, duodecim solidis & vno denario prefatus Joh. ffitzherbert fatetur se fore solutum ad vsum eiusdem domini Regis pro parte solucionis predictorum vadiorum tresdecim Millium hominum supradictorum, dicitque Ric. Braytoft ac Will. Staf-

[1—1] repeated.

[2] It shows the high position of the guildmaster that he should be classed with the mayor in this designation.

against the lord king and all others whomsoever according to the form, tenour and effect of the said lord king's letters to the said J. Fitzherbert drawn up in the form aforesaid and in virtue of the act of parliament and of the concession aforesaid. In testimony whereof the said parties have alternately affixed their seals to these presents.

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ford, heredes & executores suos, inde esse quietos, erga dictum dominum Regem & omnes alios quoscunque iuxta formam, tenorem & effectum litterarum dicti domini Regis eidem Joh. ffitezherbert in forma predicta confectarum ac virtute actus parliamenti & concessionis predicte. In cuius rei testimonium partes predicte presentibus sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt. Datum vltimo die Decembris a. r. r. E. iv. (etc.) quartodecimo.

ROBERT ONLEY, MAYOR. 1475.

"Couentre." Jan. 25.

[1] ¶ [Election of officers.]

Will. Stafford, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Bob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wylgrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Seman, Joh. Hadley, Tho. Ingram, Will. Horseley, Will. Baxter, Rob. Burnell, Tho. ffoorde, Will. Thistilton, Ric. Alen, Tho. Bagot, Joh. ffyssher, sherman, Will. Cramp, Will. Cokkes, Joh. Emmottes.

Officers.

[m. Rob. Onley; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Will. Pynchebek, Joh. Yale; w. Hen. Ball, Tho. Chircheman; mace, Will. Nasshe.]

EASTER LEET.

"Couentre." Apr. 3.

[2] ¶ [V. f. p. held before Rob. Onley, m., Will. Shore, Will. Marchall, b., on Monday after the close of Easter, 15 Ed. IV.]

Jury.

Will. Stafford, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Rob. Bredmedowe, Joh. Wilgries, Tho. Bredmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atturton, Ric. Braytoft, jun., Joh. Seman, Tho. Ingram, Rob. Bluberey, Will. Thistulton, Rob. Burnell, Joh. Gryme, Hen. Ball, Tho. Chircheman, Joh. Yale, Will. Taillour, Bower, Will. Pynchebek, Ric. Pulton, Hen. Marler, Joh. Assheburn, Rob. Jekes.

[1] leaf 227, back. Scribe B. [2] Scribe of C type.

Orders of leet.

[Ordained] that euery Craft within this Cite com with their pageantes accordyng as hit haith byn of olde tyme, and to Com with their processions & Ridyng[1] also, when the byn required by the Meire for the worship of this Cite [upon] peyne of x li at euery defalt.

Crafts to come with the pageants and processions,

or £10 fine.

Also they provide, graunt & Conferme all good Ordenaunce afore this tyme ordeyned by lete for the welfare of this Cite to be holden & conteyned (*sic*) as hit haith ben vsed a-fore tyme.

"Bakers"

[Ordained] þat the[y] that[2] to giffe the halycake gyf no Smalle Cakes, vp the peyne of xx s. at euery tyme, whoso doth the Contrary, to the vse of the meire of þis Cite, *videlicet* xiij s. iiij d., and to the sheriffes vj s. viij d. of the seid xx s.; and that the meir shall send to euery Baker & warne them off the ordenaunce, & they to warne them þat gyfe þe halicake.[3]

and the holy cake.

Also hit is ordened that no inhabitant duellyng in the Wel-strete, Bisshop-strete & Coke-stret, nor in Catisby-lane, or eny other person from-hensforth put no donge[4] ne other fylth in the Ryuer Rennyng from the hill Mylne by the south parti of the Wel-strete to the hospitall of Sent John þe Baptist, vp the peyne to lese at euery defawte ij d., that to be leved by the Shreffes of this Cite for the tyme beyng. And yf the sherrefes be laches[5] or defectyue in levyng therof, then the Meire for the tyme beyng shall rere of the seid Sherreffes be laches,[5] [6]so beyng laches[6] at euery defalt vj d. And yf the meir be defectyve laches (*sic*) in þat behalf, þat the Master of the Trinite Gilde shall restrene of the fee of euery suche meire[7] to þe valowe of all suche mercymentes beyng vnpunnysshed in his fawt, as is aforeseid.

The river again. "Against Casting Dung into the River or shores." 2*d.* fine for putting filth in the river to be levied by the sheriffs, or failing them by the mayor from them, or failing the mayor by the glid masters from the mayor's fee.

[1] On S. John Baptist's and S. Peter's Eves when the armed watch rode through the city. Sharp, *Cov. Mysteries*, 174 *sqq.*

[2] "to" redundant.

[3] V. leaf 328, back. Perhaps the blessed bread distributed after the celebration to those who had not communicated. See *Offesse off Dekyn* (1464) in Sharp, *Antiquities*, p. 122. In Coventry triangular cakes called God-cakes are still given by sponsors to their godchildren on Twelfth Night. See Sharp, *Glos. of Warw. Words*, ed. Halliwell, *s. v.* God-cake.

[4] "dogne" obliterated.

[5] remiss, careless. [6–6] a repetition.

[7] Hence it appears that the Trinity gild paid the mayor's fee.

"Sweeping durt in the Channells."

And also that non of the seid inh*ab*itant nor other p*er*sone ffrom-hensforth swepe no filth out of the [s]tret*es* into the gutters of the seid stret*es*, vppon þe peyne at eu*er*y defalt ij d. to be levyed in man*er* & forme as is aboueseid.

"Combinations off Fellowships." "For cayues & o*þ*er ordinaunc*es*."

ffor-as-much as both be the tyme þ*at* no mannes mynde[1] is Contrari, & by full laudabull ordena*u*nce by autorite of letes holden w*it*hin this Cite, hit hath byn vsed & attorissed that Crafty men of no Craft nor occupac*i*on w*it*hin this Cite shulden amonges them w*it*hin þ*er* Craft make eny Conventicle, confederacie, caue nor ordena*u*nce ayens good rule of this Cite or to[2] hurt[3] of the Comen Weyle of the same; & the mastres of eu*er*y Craft w*it*hin this Cite shuld ȝerely at the Com*m*aundement of the Meir*e*, deliu*er* hym all the ordena*u*nc*es* of their Craft*es* to be seen by hym & þe Councell of þe Cite, þe good & laufull ordena*u*nc*es* in that p*ar*tie made to [be] by them affermed, and the vnlawfull to be be them adnulled, & this to be don & duly & p*er*formed vp certen peynes in dyu*er*s ordena*u*nc*es* by auctorites of diu*er*se let*es* made [and] conteyned, as in the same ordena*u*nce appereth. Contrary to which good ordena*u*nce, diu*er*se Crafty men of this Cite nowe late haue made diu*er*se conuenticles & ordena*u*nc*es* vnlawfully ayenst the Comen publique of this Cite. And a-monges other, the Craftesmen of diu*er*se[4] Craft haue made a vnlafull ordena*u*nce, that is to sey, that non of them shuld Colour ne dye but vndur a certen forme amonges them selfe ordeigned, vp certene peynes[5] by wrytyng[5] ordeyned by surte of wrytyng & othes unlaufull in that behall[f]. Hit is therfor ordeyned by this lete, and by the auctorite of the same, as well the seid vnlaufull & hurtfull ordena*u*nc*es* made by the seid dyers, and all other vnlafull & hurtfull ordena*u*nce made in eu*er*y other Craft w*it*hin this Cite be the Craftesmen of the same Craft*es*, that the vnlaufull othes and wrytyng*es* made for the same be vtt*er*ly vuyde, cassed, adnulled & of non effect; & þ*at* from hensforth eny p*er*sone, beyng of eny Craft of þis Cite, by eny suche ordena*u*nce vnlafull

"No craftsmen to make any conventicles;

craft by-laws to be overlooked by the mayor, etc.

The dyers have made certain rules about dyeing;

and enforced them by oath;

the ordinances are quashed,

the oaths made of none effect.

[1] *i. e.* remembrance. [2] "hurst" deleted. [3] leaf 228.
[4] *Sic.* It should be "dyers." [5–5] repetition.

be not bounden nor Compelled by the Maister of eny Craft to performe such ordenaunce; and that no Master of eny Craft of this Cite from hensfurth sewe nor trobull in eny lawe eny persone for non-performyng of eny such ordenaunce, vpon the peyne to forfet at euery defalt x li., the Meir to haue xiij s. iiij d. & þe sheryffes to haue vj s. viij d., & the remennant to the Chaumber of this Cite to be applied. The same forfet to be demed and determed by due examinacion of þe Meire of this Cite [and] vj of his Brethern taken with hym and the lerned Councell of this Cite.

"No man to be sued for non performaunce of eny vnlaufil (*sic*) acte maid without thassent of the meire." Offenders to pay £10, i. e. 13*s.* 4*d.* to the mayor, 6*s.* 8*d.* to the sheriffs, the remainder to the treasury.

This ordenaunce to be pro-Clamed euery 3ere, ones at the lest, þat all Craftesmen may haue knolege þeroff.[1]

THO. DOVE, MAYOR, 1476.

[2]Election of officers.[3]]

Jan. 25. Ric. Braytoft, jun., Ric. Braytoft, sen., Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wylgrise, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Will. Stafford, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Symondes, Will. Horseley, Will. Baxter, Rob. Burnell, Tho. ffoorde, Joh. Hoten, Will. Thistilton, Will. Elys, Will. Marchall, Hen. Marler, Joh. Gryme, Will. Taillour, Bowyer, Joh. ffyssher.

[m. Tho. Dove; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Tho. Bailly, mercer, Joh. Dove; w. Gal. Arthern, Rob. Jekes; mace, Will. Nasshe.]

JOH. SEMAN, MAYOR, 1477.

Seditions and Pledges.

[4]Tempore Joh. Seman, Maioris.

Nov. 17, 14 A privy sea from the king. Mem. that the xvij day of Nouembre [17 Ed. IV] the Mair receyued a priue signet be þe handes of Sir Tho. Vaughan, knyght, the tenour wherof ensueth, with certen credence[5] be hym there & þen vttered, which also e[n]sueth :—

[1] See Introduction.
[2] leaf 228, back. Scribe B.
[3] Sheriffs (not given elsewhere) elected Michaelmas, 1475, Will. Cokkes, Tho. Bagot.
[4] leaf 230. [5] = message.

By the kyng.

Sir T. Vaughan's message.

Trusty and wele-beloued, we grete you wele, and for diuers grete causes and concideracions vs movyng, we send vnto you at this tyme oure trusty and ryght wele-beloued Counsaillour, Sir Tho. Vaghan, knyght, Tresourer of oure Chambre and Chamberlayn to oure derrest sonne the prince, desiryng you in any wyse that in such thynges as he shall say vnto you on oure behalue ye yeue vnto him vndoubted feyth and credence. Yeuen vnder oure Signet at oure palays of Westm[ynstre] the xiijth day of Nouembre.

Westminster, Nov. 13.

To our trusty and wele-beloued the Maire, aldermen,[1] shir-ryfs, and common Counceil[1] of oure Cite of Couentre and to euery of theym.

Any person using seditious language

This was the credence :—That yf eny persone hereaftur resorte vnto this Cite suspectly or other-wyse that haue eny seducious langage, which myght sowe eny sysme betwixt the kynges goode grace and eny his lordez or þe cominalte of þis roialme,[2] that then euery suche persone haue open punysshement that other persones may take ensample be hym. And yf eny seruaunte of eny lorde or oþer astate haue eny suche langage as afore is rehersed, that he theruppon be arrested and commyte to prison, and yf eny Maister of eny suche seruaunte or persone woll not be agreable to such punysshement, but make eny resistence ayenst the kynges seid commaundement that he then in like-wyse be arrested and therof notificacion to be yeuen to the kynges goode grace. And the Mair of this Cite & his brethern [to] enquere yf eny persone within this Cite haue eny plegge or pleggez, which were the Erle of Warrewykes in his lyfe, or elles of the lorde of Clarence lying with hym,[3] for eny money, that such persone or persones yeue hasty knolech, withoute conceylement, of all such plegges leying in their kepyng; and such money as

to haue open punishment. Any lord's servant doing the same to be arrested, and his master also if he resist.

To enquire if any pledges of Warwick or Clarence remain,

[1] The first time these terms occur in connection with the corporation.

[2] The Duke of Clarence had recently been committed to the Tower. Thomas Burdet of Arrow had been executed this year on a charge of treason.

[3] See above, p. 381.

the lyen fore shal-be content and paide etc. And also yf eny person haue eny Juell or Juelles that were eny of þe seid lordes, which were put of truste to his kepyng, that he also gyfe knolech of them, to eschewyng the kynges most doughtfull displeasure. and they shall be redeemed.

Wheruppon the Maire called to hym the comien Counceill of this Cite to the nombre of le xlviij^{ti} with the Constablez of euery warde of this Cite; and þeruppon the Maire enioyned euery singler persone there beyng to enquere and serch in the premissez, and such as coude be founde touchyng the forseid goodes to [be] reported to the same Maire within viij dayes then next suyng. And if eny suspect persone hereaftur may be founde within this Cite hauyng suspecious langage, as is aforesaide, that report therof, with the persone hauyng such langage, immediatly be brought & reporte to the Mayre in eschewyng the kynges doughtfull[1] displeasure. The mayor calls the Common Council, the Forty-eight, and enjoins them to inquire for suspicious persons.

The names of xlviij^{ti}. The Forty eight.

Joh. Seman, m., Ric. Braytoft, jun., Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wilgryse, Joh. Ruyton, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Rob. Onley, Joh. Hadley, Tho. Ingram, Joh. Hoten, Ric. Colyns, Will. Horseley, Rob. Burnell, Rob. Blubery, Will. Thistleton, Joh. Gryme, Tho. fforde, Will. Marchall, Will. Cokkes, Will. Bagot, Hen. Marler, Will. Tailler, Joh. ffyssher, Hen. Ball, Ric. Coke, Hen. Kebull, Ric. Pulteney, Tho. Baylly, Joh. Dove, Will. Hopkyns, Will. Northampton, Hen. Colyns, Will. White, Tho. Chircheman, Will. Rowley, Will. Hede, Tho. Straunge, Joh. Clyff, Ric. Nores, Ric. Drought, Joh. Swan, Ric. Smyth, Draper, Joh. Pere, Deister, Will. Braunch.

Nomina Constabular*iorum* Tho. Hampton, Ric. Kyng, Joh. Baron, Tho. Maideford, Ed. Wilson, Rob. Hardy, Joh. Caunten, Will. Hardy, Will. Tyndale, Joh. Newman, Will. Rose, Will. Radburn, Tho. Oures, Tho. Pulter, Jac. Bailly, Joh. Derlyng, Joh. Artage, Joh. Mynes, Hen. Burley, Rob. Steyn, Will. fflecher, Ric.

[1] = (re)doutable.

Plumpton, Ric. Drake, Rob. Mason, Joh. Bordale, Rob. Tasker, Rob. Crosse, Step. Wykyns, Tho. Colyns, Joh. Padland, Joh. Whitgreve, Joh. Shepey, Gil. Heydok, Ric. Stokes, Joh. Duddesbury, Maur. John.

JOH. FRENCH, ALCHEMIST.

[1] *Mem.* that the vj^te^ day of Januare the ȝere aforeseid, the forsaid Maire resceyued a *p*riuie signet be þe hande*s* of a *seruan*te of the kynge*s*, the tenur wherof hereaftur ensueth :—

By the kyng.

Jan. 6, 1478.

Trusty and wele-beloued, we grete you wele. And late you wite that it hath ben shewed vnto vs that oure wele-beloued, Joh. ffrench, oure *seruaunt*, comm*o*nly conue*r*syng and abydyng in oure Cite there, entendeth be his labo*ur* to practise a true and a *p*rofitable conclusion in the Cunnying of t*r*ansmutac*i*on of metails to oure p*r*ofyte and pleasure, and, for to make a clere shewing of the same before *cer*ten oure *seruaauntes* and Counsellours by vs therfore appointed, is required a certain tyme to *p*repare his materials; we, not willing therfore oure seid seruaunt to be trobled in that he shall so werk or *p*repaire for oure pleasure and *p*rofite, woll & charge yewe that ye ne suffre hym in eny wyse by eny *per*sone or *per*sones to be letted, troubled, or vexed, of his seid labo*ur* and practise, to thentent that he, at his goode libe*r*te, may shewe vnto vs and such as be by vs therfore appointed, the clere effect of his said conclusion. Yeuen vnder oure signet at our palays of Westm[ynstre] the xxix^ti^ day of December.

Joh. French who intends to practise a profitable conclusion in the cunning of transmutation of metals,

is not to be troubled or vexed during his time of preparation.

Westminster, Dec. 29.

To oure trusty and wele-beloued, the Maire and his Brethern of oure Cite of Couentre, and to the Recordo*ur* of þe same, and to eue*r*y of thaim.

[1] leaf 230, back.

ROB. BURNELL, MAYOR, 1478.

[[1] Election of officers.[2]] Jan. 25 (Sunday).

Ric. Braytoft, jun., Ric. Braytoft, sen., Rob. Bradmedowe, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Will. Saunders, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Rob. Onley,[3] Joh. Hadley, Tho. Wode, Grocer, Joh. Hoten, Tho. fforde, Will. Elys, Rob. Blebury, Tho. Bagot, Ric. Alyn, Will. Shore, Will. Cokkes, Hen. Marler, Will. Tayller, Gal. Arthern, Rob. Jekes.

[m. Rob. Burnell; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Ric. Euerdon, Tho. Maideford; w. Nic. Broune, Rob. Colman; mace, Will. Nasshe "de sua bona gestura." Officers. Mace appointed upon his good behaviour. J. Ps.

Rob. Burnell, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Ric. Braytoft, jun., M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, sen., Rob. Bradmedowe, Tho. Bradmedowe.

Bob. Burnell, m., Ric. Braytoft, jun., Ric. Braytoft, sen., Tho. Bradmedowe. Key-keepers.

VARIANCES AND RIOTS.

Mem. that the vj^te^ day of ffeuerȝere the yere aforeseid the forsaid Maire receyued a priue signet be þe handes of Will Tyndale, the tenure wherof hereaftur ensueth. Feb. 6. A privy seal.

By the kyng.

Trusty and wele-beloued, we grete youe wele; and forasmuch as it is showed vnto vs that, for certain maters of variances beyng in oure Cite there, diuers Riottes be commytted within the same to ycu not vnknowen, we, not willing eny breche of oure peas ne riot be there suffred vnpunysshed, but that to euery persone oure lawes be duely ministred, as-well in prouidyng due remedie for the persones greued as in correctyng and duly punysshyng the offendours accordyng to rightwisnesse, will therfore that within oure Cite there ye duly procede vpon the premisses by the auctorite ye haue there vnder vs, not sparyng to do therin as lawe will for eny persone or "Against Riotts." The king is unwilling that any breach of the peace go unpunished. The town authorities are therefore enjoined to execute the law without heed to any outside

[1] leaf 231.
[2] Sheriffs (not elsewhere given) elected Michaelmas, 1477, John ffyssher, Hen. Ball.
[3] Repeated and deleted.

recommendations. persones what-so-euer, ne for eny writing or recommendacions from vs or eny other. Yeven vnder our signet at our palais of Westm[ynstre] the iij^de^ day of Westminster, Feb. 3. ffeuerzere.

To our trusty and wele-beloued, the Maire and his Brethern, Recordour and Shirriffs of our Cite of Couentre & to euery of them.

WILL. MARSHALL, MAYOR, 1479.

Jan. 25. [1 Election of officers.[2]]

Electors. Rob. Onley, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wilgryse, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, jun., Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Seman, Joh. Hoten, Will. Thistilton, Ric. Colyns, Rob. Blubury, Will. Cokkes, Tho. Bagot, Hen. Ball, Tho. Chircheman, Ric. Pulton, Hen. Kebull, Joh. Castell, Ric. Cooke, Joh. Dove, Tho. Wode.

Officers. [m. Will. Marchall; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Hen. Colyns, Rob. Crosse; w. Joh. Swan, Ric. Lee; mace, Will. Nasshe.]

WILL. SHORE, MAYOR, 1480.

Jan. 25. [3] [Election of officers.]

Electors. Joh. Seman, Rob. Bradmedowe, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Onley, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Rob. Burnell, Will. Horseley, Joh. Hoten, Tho. Bagot, Will. Thistilton, Ric. Alyn, Will. Elys, Will. Taillour, Gal. Arthern, Joh. ffyssher, Joh. Castell, Rob. Jekes, Ric. Euerdon, Will. Cramp, Tho. Maideford.

Officers. [m. Will. Shore; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Laur. Saunders, Will. Hedde; w. Will. Roweley, Rob. Smyth; mace, Will. Nasshe.

[1] leaf 232.
[2] As the names of the sheriffs elected at Michaelmas, 1478, are not given elsewhere I quote them :—Tho. Bailly, Gal. Arthern.
[3] leaf 233.

[The mace re-elected on condition that he attend on the mayor at fitting times better than he has hitherto done; and likewise that he attend on the chamberlains in collecting their monies, and in all their business as well riding as walking, or doing anything else which has to be performed by them for the common welfare, without taking anything for his labour except the expense and cost incurred therein.

And that he overlook that no dung shall be put at the gates of the city, especially at Greyfriar Gate, but that it may be removed as often as it is necessary at the chamberlains' cost, under pain of losing his office.]

[The sub-baillif re-elected on condition] quod attendat temporibus congruis super Maiorem melius quam preantea attendebat. Et quod similiter attendat super Camerarios in Collecc*i*one denariorum suorum & aliorum negociorum suorum tam equitando & ambulando, siue aliquid aliud faciendo, que pro communi vtilitate Ciuitatis predicte ipsi[1] sunt agenda vel facienda, absque aliquo inde capiendo pro labore suo nisi solummodo expensa & custagia sua que in premissis est sustinend' (*sic*).

Et quod Idem sub-ballivus supervideat quod nullus fimus decetero iaceatur ad portas ville, & specialiter ad portam vocatam Greyfrer-ȝate, sed quod amoueatur tociens quociens necesse fuerit ad Custus Camerariorum, sub pena forisfacture officii sui.

"xx s. to the sword-bearer by þe wardens per annum."

Also the will & ordeyn that Will. Tibottes, the swerd-berer, haue frohensfurth xx s. to hym-self ȝerely, to be paide be the handes of the wardeyns for the tyme beyng as long as he occupieth the seid office. The seid xx s. to be employed to the seid William & to non other persone. And also that all other ffeez, that is to sey, suertez of pease, Enditementes, & sealyng of mettes & Mesures, be frohensfurth egally devyded betwixt the seid swerd-berer & þe Meirs seriant withoute interupcion, chalenge or clayme heraftur contrarie to this ordenaunce to be made in this behalf for euer.

Other fees

to be equally divided between "Sword-bearer & Maiors Surgeant Sealers."

THE PRIOR v. RUYTON.

[2]*By the kyng.*

Feb. 27.

"Sute by the prior Against Joh. Ruyton, draper,"

Trusty & wele-beloued, we gret youe well. And forasmoche as we be enformed that oure trusty & wele-be-

[1] *sic.* ? = per ipsos. [2] leaf 233, back.

loued in God, the priour of the[1] oure Monastery & Cathedrall Chirch of oure Lady of Couentre, for certen trespassez & Iniuries doon vnto oure seid Monstery (*sic*) be on Joh. Ruyton, draper, as hit is seid, hath attamed[2] an accion in oure Courte there ayenst the seid John; we therfore desire and also woll you that in his suyte in that partie ye indifferently Ministre Justice vnto hym, not sparyng so to do for love, fauour, or drede of eny persone what-so-euer [3]he be,[3] as ye woll do vs pleasir. Yeuen vnder our signet at oure Manor of Grenewich the xxvij day of ffeuerȝere.

wherein the king enjoins the mayor to indifferently minister justice.

Greenwich, Feb. 27.

To oure trusty and wele-beloued the Maire and his Brethern & Recordor of our Cite of Couentre.

SOLDIERS FOR MAXIMILIAN.

[4]Memorandum that for-asmoch as a Gentilman, callyng hym-self seruaunt to on Sir Tho. Eueryngham, knyght, came to Couentre there to reteign men to go with the seid Sir Thomas into Burgoyn, which Gent. brought no writyng of auctorite fro the kynges goode grace to the seid Maire provyng such reteigner to be the kynges pleasur; And be-cause the seid Gent. desired mennes seruauntes ayenst the willes of their Maisters, men in prisone, some for suerte of pease & some condempned in accions of dette etc; the seid Maire be the advice of his Counceill caused a lettre to be directed to þe[5] Erl Ryvers, þe lorde Chamberleyn, & other of þe kynges Counceill to knowe in þe premisses þe kynges pleasur as foloweth:—

One Sir T. Everingham comes recruiting for soldiers to Burgundy, but brings no authority from the king.

Runaway servants, and prisoners for riot and debt join him.

Letter of the mayor and his brethren to the lords of the council about the matter.

To the full noble, honorable & oure speciall goode lordez, the Erle Riuers, the Lord Hastynges,[6] Chamberleyn to þe kyng oure soueraign lorde, and to oure worshipfull Sir Tho. Vaughan[6] & to Sir Hen. fferrers & to Euery of theym.

Full noble, honourable and oure full trusty and speciall goode lordes, and ȝe oure full speciall goode Maistirs;

[1] ? deleted. [2] To enter (an action) v. *N. E. D.*
[3–3] repeated and deleted. [4] leaf 233, back.
[5] "kynges good grace to knowe" deleted. Rivers, the poetic earl, patron of Caxton, was the queen's brother. He was executed as Pontefract by Gloucester's order, 1483.
[6] beheaded, 1483, by Gloucester.

aftur due recommendicion to euery of yewe had, Please yowe to knowe that nowe of late grete reteynures of men to take wagez to goo with on Sir Tho. Euerynghamꝰ a knyght of the North, into Holand to go to the duke of Burgoyn, ben had, and the seyn that the Capitaign woll shippe at Hull in all haste. And they that gon ben trobles[2] & wolden haue to goo with hem mennes seruauntes, men in prison for suertee of pease, & men condempned in dyuers domez; and although their desire is aȝeynst the lawe, ȝet they make many quarels aȝeynst the Officers here in þe name of þe seid Euerynghamꝰ. And the Officers of þis Cite can not vnderstande be what auctorite the seid reteygnoures be had; ffor we here haue neither commaundement from oure soueraign lorde be writte nor other wyse, so that we knowe not his pleasur therin, wheder we shall make the people to abide styll here in the Cite, magre theirs, or els let hem departe; and yf the kynges pleasure be that they shull no mo departe, then his high commaundement wolde þerof not only be sent hider, but to the shirez here aboute, for hit is seid the seid Sir Thomas wold haue a M[1] men, and the people here & of diuers other Cuntreez entend to departe in gret nombre. And some people thynken here, that for such doughtfull tythynges as ben spoken in the North,[3] that hit were full necessare to haue the people abide within this lande. We dought not oure soueraign lorde hath certeyn knowelech in that behalf. Wherfore we hartely besech & pray yewe, that hit please yewe with all diligence to let oure seid soueraign lord knowe these matiers, and þat his highnesse & goode grace please to let vs, his true liegez here, knowe what his pleasure is in the premissez. And oure true seruice is & shallbe youres be þe grace of oure Lorde God, who euer preserue yewe in honour & prosperite. *Wreton* at Couentre in hast the xvij[th] day of August.

The officers of the city, unaware of the king's wishes,

know not whether to make the recruits stay in the city against their wills, or let them depart.

They crave enlightenment, as Sir Thomas wishes to have from here and elsewhere 1,000 men, though people are of opinion that as trouble may be brewing in the north the men were better at home.

Coventry, Aug. 17.

Your seruauntes the maire of Couentre and his Brethern.

[1] In Sept. 1480, 30 spears and 1500 bows went to the Low Countries under this Sir Thomas and others. Ramsay, II. 433.

[2] *i. e.* troublous, troublesome.

[3] Negociations for the marriage of Earl Rivers and a Scottish princess were attended by failure. Edward's army invaded Scotland, 1481.

By the kyng.

Aug. 20. The king, in reply,

Trusty & wele-beloued, we gret you wele; and haue vndirstand be your lettres dated at our Cite of Couentre & sent vnto our entierly beloued Cosin, therle Riuers, to our ryght trusty & wele-beloved þe lorde Hastinges, our Chamberleyn, & to oþer of our Counceill, þat where-as our trusty & wele-beloued knyght, Sir Tho. Euerynghaṁ, wolde haue as ye say certein personz within our seid Cite to go with hym ouer the see into þe parties of þe obbeissaunce of our right entierly beloued Cosin, þe duc of Austrich;[1] of þe which persones þat he so desireth some ben mennes seruauntes, some ben in prison for suerte of our pease, & some for accions of det ben condempned, wheruppon ye desir to knowe our pleasur, we lat yewe wete þat for-so-moch as this matier concerneth gretely the

enjoins them to further Everingham's business

wele of vs & of þis our reame, we pray yewe þat vnto oure seid knyght for þentent abouseid ye be helpyng, aiding & assistyng so þat be your goode & louyng measnes he may haue of all maner men hable for the warre to serue vs in this case; except only thoos that ben felowns or elles

in the matter of obtaining good archers, felons and condemned men excepted.

conuict or condempned. And yf be your measnes he be furnished of goode archers & able men we shall þerfore can you hereaftur our full goode thankes.[2] Yeuen vnder our signet at our Castell of Wyndesore, þe xx^ti^ day of August.

To our trusty & wele-beloued the Meire & his Brethern of our Cite of Couentre.

BEVYS' SHEEP.

[3] *By the Prince.*

The Prince of Wales, enclosing a petition,

Ryght trusty & wele-beloued, we grete yowe wele; and ffor-asmoch as the Plenctif in this bill named compleyneth

[1] Maximilian, husband of Mary, daughter of Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, and step-daughter of Edward's sister Margaret.

[2] This appears to be a translation, with *can* (A.S. *cunnan*) in the sense of *know*, of the French *savoir bon gré* = feel grateful, the A.S. equivalent of which Indogermanic idiom (Greek χάριν εἰδέναι) was *þonc cunnan* or *witan* (German *dank wissen*). The adjective "good," it should be noted, does not occur in Greek and Germanic (Mr. Stevenson).

[3] leaf 234. The Prince of Wales, to whose patrimony of the Earldom of Chester Coventry was appendant, henceforward bulks very largely in local disputes. There is a small sacrifice of strict chronology here.

ayenst Rob. Bevys of Couentre and hath south[1] help of vs, we send yewe same bill herin enclosed, praying yewe that ye woll call þe parties before youe, and vpon the examinacion & vndirstandyng of the matier to se þe partie greued haue ryght, & so to be answered as he haue no cause eny further to compleyn as we truste yewe. Yeuen vnder our signet at the Castell of Ludlowe the xxix^ti^ day of Nouembre.

begs the mayor to examine a plaintiff's grievance.

Ludlow, Nov. 29.

To oure right trusty & wele-beloued þe Meire & Recordour of þe Cite of Couentre & to either of them.

To the Prince.

Sheweth vnto your highnesse your dayly Oratour, Tho. Croft of Pembrigg, that where-as he solde certen shepe to the somme of viij li. viij s. iiij d. to on Rob. Bevys of Couentre, and albe-it your pore suppleant to his gret coste & charge hath demaunded the contentacion therof, 3it he in no wyse can be satisfied, to his vttrest vndoyng in that behalf. Wherfore pleaseth your highnesse to commaunde the seid Robert to satisfye & agre with your oratour, or elles to appere before your noble Counceill to answher to þe premissez. And this at þe reuerence of Jhesu and in weye of Charite.

The petitioner, T. Croft, of Pembridge, entreats the prince to command R. Bevys to pay £8 8*s.* 4*d.* for sheep purchased from him.

Whereuppon the seid Mair & Recordour called the seid parties before them & caused contentacion to be made in such forme as that both parties were pleased etc.

The mayor arranges the matter.

THE FIFTEENTH.

[2][The collectors of the three parts of a Fifteenth payable at Candlemas next.

Gosford Street Ward: Rog. Sutton, Tho. Grove; £4. 7s. 0d.

The ten wards.

Jordan Well: Ric. Drake, couper, [3]Banburgh; £3. 0s. 0d.

Much Park Street: Tho. Walker, Joh. Smyth, Baker; £3. 15s. 0d.

[1] = sought.

[2] This was the war grant of the session of 1475, which was now called for a war against Scotland. Ramsay, II. 405. There is a small sacrifice of strict chronology here. [3] Surname only.

Earl Street: Ric. Stokes, Joh. Deister, Sherman; £4. 10s. 0d.

Bayly Lane: Joh. Padland, Joh. Whitgrove; £2. 17s. 0d.

Broadgate: Joh. Julyans, Rob. Shawbury; £1. 17s. 6d.

Smithford Street: Ric. Drought, Tho. Mowyer; £3. 0s. 0d.

Spon Street: Tho. Pulter, Tho. Plante; £4. 5s. 0d.

Cross Cheaping: Will. Reynold, deister, Joh. Dawes, Bowyer, Ric. Sampson; £6. 4s. 0d.

Bishop Street: Ric. Chapman, Will. Rodburn, Will. Rose, smyth, Wygstan, Tyler; £4. 5s. 0d. Total £38. 0s. 6d.

Foreigns, i. e. dwellers in the hamlets of the county of the city.

"These be þe names of þe fforrenis etc."

"Stychall," 18s. 3d. "Sowe & Caloughdon," 12s. "Pynley & Byggyng, Stoke & Whitley," £1. 3s. 10d. "Wyken," £1. 0s. 3d. "Coundon & Radford," £1 0s. 3d. "Shilton," 1s. 0d. "Anstey," £1. 17s. 10½d. "ffolkeshill," £1. 12s. 9d. "Weston," 1s. 6d. "Exhale," £1. 5s. 9d. "Keresley," £1. 0s. 4½d.]

Summa of all þe fforeyns.[1]

[2]LAWRENCE SAUNDERS.

"Chamberlins disobedient to the mayor imprisoned, bound to good behauior and fined x. li."

Memorandum, that where the seid Meire, accordyng the rule of the Citie, be the advice of his Brethern, for xx s. let bye a perche of the quarell at Allesley for ston ther to be digged & to be apployed to the vse of the Town Wall, and theruppon commaunded the Comien seriaunt to set on laborers to rydde[3] the grounde ther & to digge ston etc. Whech laborers at þe wokes yend came vnto Laurens Saunders and William Hede, then beyng Chaumberleyns, to haue had their wagez for the woke. The seid Chaumberlayns, contrarie to the Custome of this Cite euer afore vsed, refused there to paie them eny peny: vppon which refusell & denyer the seid Maire, hauing relacion be the Comien seriaunt & the seid laborers, send for the seid Chaumberleyns commaundyng them there to make paiement accordyng theire duete:

The chamberlains, who ought to pay

certain workmen, refuse to do so,

[1] Blank. [2] leaf 234, back. [3] = clear.

which to do they there vtterly refused, The seid Laurens theyre seying *pre*sumptuously to the seid Maire That they that set the*m* awarke shuld pay for hym. So for theire demeasnyng & other their disobeysaunce to þe seid Maire there made contrarie to their othe & duete, the seid Maire ther & at that tyme comytte the*m* to warde etc. In which warde they there remayned vnto the time that they, be mediac*i*on of theire ffrende*s*, were agreable to make payement, & to do & per*fou*rme all other thynge*s* belongyng to theire seid office; And ferther agreable to be bounde be Reconysaunce in xl li. that they fro thensfurth shuld be of goode beryng ayenst the seid Maire & all o*þer* his successo*u*rs for eue*r*; and to stande, obbey & per*fou*rme such awarde & decre as the seid Maire, his Brethern, & Counceill, wold make for þeir disobeysaunce & mysdemeasnyng afore rehersed etc.

one L. Saunders using presumptuous language to the mayor,

who commits them to ward, where they remain until they promise amendment,

and enter a recognisance in £40 to submit to such penalty as the council shall appoint in the matter.

Wheruppon the seid Maire & his Brethern the xx^ti^ day of May þe ȝer aforeseid, callyng to them the nombre of xlviij^ti^, whos names here ensuen, & be all their assente*s*, maden awarde in þe *pre*missez etc. That the seid Chamb*er*leyns shuld in recompense & satisfacc*i*on of their seid disobeysaunce and mysdemeasnyng bryng in to þe seid Maire x li. to be disposed at þe pleasur of þe seid Meire & his Counceill etc. wherof iiij li. be þe advice of þe seid Mair & his Counceill was furthwith applo*y*de to þe vse of re*p*arac*i*on of þe Cundite*s* of þe seid Cite. And þe vj li. residue was delyu*er*ed be þe advice aforeseid to the seid Cha*u*mb*er*leyns aȝeyn in hope they wolde be the better disposed hereaftur.

May 20. The Forty-eight

determine to fine the chamberlains £10;

whereof £6 is returned to them afterwards.

[The Forty Eight aforesaid.]

48 Councillors; really 49.

Joh. Seman, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Rob. Burnell, Will. Marchall, Will. Horsley, Ric. Coke,[1] Ric. Pulton,[1] Joh. Hadley, Ric. Colyns, Will. Elys, Joh. Gryme, Tho. Bagot, Hen. Marler, Will. Tailler, Tho. ffurde, Gal. Arthern, Joh. ffyssher, Hen. Ball, Will. Thistilton, Will. Crampe, Tho. Maydeford, Will. Roweley,[2] Rob. Smyth,[2] Joh. Swan, Ric. Lee, Ric. Eue*r*don, Will. Hopkyns, Nic.

[1] bracketed as "vic*e comites*" = sheriffs.
[2] bracketed as "Gard*iani*" = wardens.

Broune, Joh. Dove, Joh. Davy, Joh. Stanlowe, Rob. Baker, Nic. Hall, Ed. Hulcote, Joh. Whitehed, Tho. Grove, Hugo Dawes, Joh. Haddon, Ric. ffoxhall, Phil. Draper, Will. Wrokwarden, Will. Braunche, Joh. Seysell, Joh. Darlyng, Tho. Colyns.

APPEAL TO THE PRINCE.

"Chamberlayn Greeued Complaineth to the prince."

Afftur which awarde in maner & fourme as is aforeseid made, the seid Laurens, not ponderyng the gret fauour to hym shewed in the seid awarde, nor his band aforespecified, but in maner was as wylfully disposed as he was before, not only ayenst the seid Meire, but also ayenst þe comien people of þe seid Cite in vexyng them be ofte distreynyng their Catell wrongfully oute of þe Comiens & takyng excesse for þe pynlok etc. And where the seid Meire vppon dyuers compleyntes made to hym in that behalf, send for the seid Laurens etc. to see direccion taken in that behalf accordyng þe rule of þe Cite, the seid Laurens many tymes groged so to doo, and in maner disdeyned at all tymes to be ruled be the seid Maire etc. In-so-moch that he the xx^ti^ day of Septembre asked licens of the seid Maire to Ryde to Southaumpton; and he, contrarie to his licens, went vnto Ludlowe, & there made suggestion to my lord prince vppon þe seid Maire & other officers of þe Cite that they shulde denye hym Justice etc. Wheruppon my seid lord prince direct his lettrez to þe seid Maire etc. accordyng as ensueth :—

Laurence distrains the cattle of the common people;

and disdains to be ruled by the mayor,

and on Sept. 20, having obtained licence to leave the city, he goes to Ludlow to lay his complaint before the prince.

By the Prince.[1]

Sept. 30. The prince, hearing of a variance about a common pasture, wishes the affair to be laid before him at Ludlow.

Trusty & wele-beloued, we grete you well; and woll & charge you that for certain matiers beyng in variance betwen the Chamberleins & Citezins of our Cite of Couentre and other for a comown pasture, ye send hider vnto vs & our Counceill the x^th^ day of Octobre next comyng some discrete persone for you sufficiently instructed with þat matier to thentent we vnderstand the trouth of the same. And also þat ye send vnto vs be the seid persone the very Copie of the othe þat ye be accustumed to yeve vnto þe seid Chaumberleins, not

[1] Afterwards Edward V.

fayling þerof in eny wise. Yeuen vnder our signet at þe Castell of Ludlowe þe xxx^ti^ day of Septembre. Ludlow.

To our trusty & wele-beloued the Maire of our Cite of Couentre.

[1] To the full high & myghty Prince, our full noble & gracious lorde, Prince Edward, Eldest sone to the kyng, our all liege lorde, Prince of Walys, Duc of Cornewayle, & Erle of Chestre.

The mayor replies concerning "the same matter" that

ffull high & myghty Prince, full noble, gracious & our full speciall goode lorde, aftur all humble & due recommendacion to your highnesse had, please it your goode grace þat but late, I your humble seruaunt, Maire of your Cite of Couentre, resceyued your gracious lettres conteynyng that certen variancez shuld be betwen the Chaumberleyns & Citezenis of this Cite and other for a Comyn pastur, wherfore I, your seid Maire, shuld send to your highnesse and your honorable Counceill the x^th^ day of Octobre next comyng some discrete persone for me sufficiently instructe with that matier to thentent þat your seid highnesse myght vnderstand þe trouth. ffull noble, myghty & gracious prince, we your humble & true seruauntes here knowe no variance betwixt eny personꝭ here for eny Comien pasture, or eny other matier, but þat we amongꝭ oure self be the grace of God shull amycably and rightwisly refourme & yende be the assent of such parties as han interest in the same; besechyng your goode grace to haue your benyngne licence therin; and yf necessete so shall hereaftur requyre, then þat we your humble seruauntes & tenauntes may haue your noble, gracious & myghty ayde in oure trouth: Humbly besechyng your seid highnesse that þe hasty, sinistre and seducious suggestion & labour made be Laurens Saunders, on of the Chamberleyns of þis Cite, to your highnesse ayenst þe will and assent of þe gouernours of þis your Cite be not prynted[2] in your remembraunce. ffor he diuers tymes this yer hath openly disobeyed me your seid seruaunt, Mair here, and the rule of this Cite, and be his powior wolde enduce commocion amongꝭ the people; and

he knows of no variance for any common pasture, but such as can be settled at Coventry,

and humbly beseeches the prince that Saunders' sinister suggestions be not printed in his remembrance.

He complains bitterly of Laurence, and excuses the non-attendance of the recorder at Ludlow.

[1] leaf 235. [2] = impressed.

where he is sugget & seruaunt he wold subdue vs all, yf he myght gete assistence, to þe worst ensample that euer was here. ffor the which we wolde haue send to youre highnesse our Recordor the seid day of apparaunce, but þe day next afore, the grete lete was appoynted, afore the resceyte of your seid gracious lettres; and also the seid Recordor hath ben long seke & is so diseased þat as ȝit he may not ryde ferre.

He asks leave to punish Laurence,

And we humbly besechen your goode grace þat we may haue full notice of þe matier surmysed to your seid good grace; and to haue your gracious licens & assent to punysshe the seid Laurence for his offensez in discoragyng oþer mysruled to presumptuously attempte such thyngez hereaftur. Besechyng humbly your highnesse þat we may knowe your gracious entent herin. And we all here ben your true seruauntes, tennauntes & bedesmen, our Lorde God knoweth, who euer preserue your noble persone & myghty astate in honour long to endure. Wreton at your Cite of Couentre the iij^de^ day of Octobre.

and prays God to preserve Prince Edward.

Coventry, Oct. 3.

Your humble seruauntes, þe Mair of Couentre, & his Brethern.

By the Prince.

The prince in reply

Ryght trusty & wele-beloued, we grete youe wele; certefying yewe þat this day we haue resceyued your lettrez in þe which ye write that ye knowe no variance betwen eny persones within þe Cite but such as ye amonges your-self can & may well redresse, and also that apparaunce lymytted before vs þe x^th^ day of þis present Moneth may not wele be kept because of your lete appoynted before þe resceite of our lettres to you directed in that behalf, yet for-as-moch as it semeth, as-well be your owne writyng as þe compleynt to vs made before, that ther shulde be a gruge of a variance þere, we for the tendre loue þat we bere to þe wele & tranquillite of þe Cite wolde be right gladde we myght do eny thyng to the goode reformacion therof; and therfore we desir youe to se thapparance appoynted in our other lettrez may be kept here before vs the xx^ti^ day of þis moneth. And where ye desire our licens to punyssh Laurens

concerning the "same matter"

fixes Oct. 20 as the day

Saunders, on of þe Chaumberleins of þe Cite, aftur the matier herd & vnderstanden before vs the forseid xx^ti^ day, we wol-be gladde to see þe punysshement of him or eny other that wolde attempt eny thyng to þe hurte, troble or perturbaunce of þe seid Cite, and assiste you in all thinges that we may conueniently do for the wele of the same. Yeuen vnder our signet at þe Castell of Ludlowe the vj^th^ day of Octobre.

when the matter may be discussed at Ludlow.

Ludlow. Oct. 6.

To our ryght trusty & wele-beloued þe Maire & aldermen of þe Cite of Couentre and to euerich of them.

Vppon the resceite of which lettrez, that is to sey, the xiiij^th^ day of Octobre, the seid Maire & his Brethern callyng to them the Comien Counceill of þe Cite & other persones of substaunce, whos names hereaftur ensuen, to vndirstand what persones they thought conuenient etc. to ride to my seid lorde prince at þe seid xx^ti^ day appoynted etc. to answer vnto þe surmyse aforeseid etc.; which surmyse to vndirstand & knowe, howe-be-hit þe seid Maire & his Brethren had[1] desired of þe seid Laurens he so to doo vtterly refused, so þat no certente þerof till they came thider coulde not be had nor knowen.

Oct. 14.

The common council consult who is to go to Ludlowe.

These be þe namez of þe persones afore-specified. Joh. Seman, Tho. Bradmedowe, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Rob. Onley, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Rob. Burnell, Will. Horseley, Rob. Jekes, Ric. Colyns, Tho. ffurde, Will. Elys, Will. Thistilton, Ric. Alyn, Joh. Gryme, Will. Taillour, Joh. ffisher, Hen. Ball. Ric. Cooke, Ric. Pulton, Geff. Arthern, Tho. Maideford, Ric. Euerdon, Joh. Dove, Joh. Swan, Hen. Colyns, Will. Crampe, Will. Northampton, Joh. Castell, Ric. Bowiar, Joh. Emmotes, Joh. Baron, Rob. Hardy, Will. Hardy, Ric. Drought, Joh. Bordale, Joh. Baron, Joh. Couper.

The council and others.

At which day before all þe forseid persones Will. Hede, on of þe seid Chaumberleyns, cam voluntarye, & seid openly ther to þe seid Maire, þat he neuer was of

W. Hede, the other chamberlain, repudiates Laurence

[1] "dyuers tymes" deleted.

and submits to the mayor.

Counceill *with* his ffelowe in laboryng of þe *pre*missez, & ther openly hym & his werk*es* vtter*ly* refused, & ther *su*bmytte hym-self to þe said Mair etc.

The following persons assigned to ride to Ludlow.

[1] Which seid Mair be thassent of the forseid *per*sones named the *per*sones here folowyng to ride to my seid lorde prince, as it is aforeseid etc. And that þe wardeyns shuld ryde with them & to pay for their costes vnto such tyme that *pro*vision myght be taken howe such charge & coste shuld be boron etc.

Their names:

These be þe namez of þe *per*sones assigned to ryde etc.

Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. Thrumpton, M.G.S.T. etc., Rob. Onley, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Seman, Will. Marchall, Will. Tailler, Ric. Cooke, Joh. Boteler, Will. Roweley,[2] Rob. Smyth,[2] Joh. Dove, Will. Hede, vn*us* Came*rarius*, Tho. Maydeford, Ric. Eue*r*don, Joh. Coup*er*, Tho. Grene,

with cook and harbinger, etc., 48 horses in all.

Evan Birches, *with* har*b*yger & Coke and se*r*uaunt*es* of þe aforenamed *per*sone*s* to þe nombre of xlviij^{ti} horsez in all etc.

THE CHAMBERLAINS' PETITION.

To the Prince.

The chamberlains and citizens

Mekely sheweth & greuously compleynen vnto your highnesse yo*ur* right humble Orators, the Chaumb*er*leins & Citezenis of yo*ur* Cite of Couentr*e* that where-as they & their *pre*decessou*r*s tyme oute of mynde haue peasibly occupied and enioyed be vertu of their *pri*uelage, as be their evidence*s* & record*es* it may appere, certain Com*m*on pastures belongyng to the seid Cite vnto nowe, of late

complain that the recorder with others have withholden from them half of their common rights of pasture, as appears by the following bill.

that the prior of the Cathedrall Church there, the Recordor of the seid Cite, and Will. Briscowe, *with* other, wrongfully and contrarie to right & conciens, haue taken & withholden from the*m* ij part*es* of þe seid Comown, be measne wherof they be gretly hurt and hindered, as be a bill of articles redy to shewe more pleinly appereth. And also yf the short*er* remedy be not had therin, be liklihode it woll growe to gret Inconvenience. It may *per*fore please your noble grace to direct yo*ur* gracious lettrez vnto such sadde & discrete *per*sones, as yo*ur* noble

[1] leaf 235, back. [2] bracketed as "Gard*iani*" = wardens.

Counceill thinke conuenient, to examyn the matier, and to so direct that your said Oratours haue all þat in þe premissez shall accorde with right, and yf they can not so do to certifie your seid Counceill of the trouth þerof, & what he[1] fyndeth þerin in euery behalue, and they shall pray to God for you.

These ben þe articles her-vnder-wreton in þe wich þe Chamberleins & Cominialte of the Cite of Couentre fynde them agreved for þe disusyng of þeir Comown ther.

"Variance between the mayor and Chamberlayns."

ffirst, the viijth day of Aprill þe xx^{ti} yere of þe reign of our souereaign lorde kyng Edward þe iiijth, Will. Shore, Maire of þe seid Cite, comaunded Laur. Saunders & Will. Heede, Chamberleins of þe same, to warde & prison for straynyng of x score ship[2] vppon the seid Comown belongyng to Will. Deister &, contrarie to his othe & the othe of þe seid Chamberleins, deliuered them without gold or siluer, notwithstondyng it is ordeyned be diuers letes & hath ben vsed of long tyme that the Chamberleins there for þe tyme beyng shuld resceyue of euery score iiij d. for pynlok, which is to their hurte for the deliuerance of þe seid shepe, as is aforeseid, the somme of iij s. iiij d. And on þe lete day þat was holden the xth day of þe said moneth of Aprill the Recordor ther wolde in no wise suffre þe seid Chamberleins to speke a worde for þe seid Comown, but kept them in prison till on the morn at aftur-none. And on þe xjth day delyuered them vnder suerte to Rob. Burnell, Joh. Ruyton & Tho. Bradmedowe with other. And þe xviijth day the seid Recordor at viij^{te} of þe Clok had them before hym ayeyn & there desired them to be bounde in xl li. a-pece to stand & abyde to such payement for the seid pynloke as he shuld thinke conuenient; which they grugged to doo, in-so-moche as they were solemply sworen to þe contrarie. Wheruppon the seid Recordor answered þat he wolde

1st:— Apr. 8. 1480, the mayor committed chamberlains to prison for distraining sheep,

and delivers the same sheep without a fee for the pound, to the damage of the chamberlains 3*s.* 4*d.* Apr. 10.

At the Leet they are refused a hearing, and kept in prison; and

Apr. 18

[1] ? they.

[2] This is either an allusion to the common practice of surcharging, i. e. exceeding the "stint" or number of cattle allowed to each individual on the pastures, or to the fact that the sheep was—and still is—a non-commonable animal.

rule them be custome and not be sweryng. The[1] seyng no nother remedye were fayn for to be deliuered oute of prison, & bounde them-self be reconysaunce vnto our said soueraign lorde the kyng, in $\overset{xx}{\text{iiij}}$ li.[2] to obbeye the Meires comaundementes in right or wrong, and on[3] this bounde they were delyuered þe seid xviijth day of Apryll.

they are forced to bind themselves over in £80 to be obedient, and are set free.

Apr. 18

May 24.

Item, þe xxiiij^{ti} day of May last past the seid Mair[3] comaunded the seid Chamberleins to bring hym x li. wherof he toke from them iiij li. to amendes, and they then[4] besought[4] hym to relese them of þe bonde in þe reconysaunce; wheruppon the seid Recordor answered & saide that they shuld not be relesed þerof for þe best pece of scarlet in Englond.

They are fined £4, but the recorder would not release them from their bond for the best piece of scarlet in England.

Item, the xxvj^{ti} day of May ther went vppon þe seid Comon CCCC shepe of þe priours, and when þe seid Chamberleins had espied them there they went to þe Recordor & asked hym whether they shuld pynne the seid shep or no; and he theruppon comaunded them that the seid shep[5] shuld go there styll, saying that þe said prior is lorde of þe soyle. Which contrarie to þe olde custumes haue gon there all this yere, notwithstandyng he kepeth þe Brodewoke wast seuerell all the yer be composicion.

May 26. "Sheep Contrary to Custom on þe Comons."

The Recorder insists that 400 sheep of the prior shall remain.

Item, þe seid Maire & Recordor maynteyn[5] the Maister of S. Jones and ffrankleyns of þe fforreins diuers tymes to þe nombre of viij^{c} or a M^{l} contynually to go vnstynted, and the Comons of the Cite be stynted, no man to passe his rate.

The master of S. John's and others are allowed to surcharge.

Item, the xiijth day of Juyn the said Chamberleins pynned ix score shipe of on Rob. Bevys[6] and þe Court graunted hym a Replevye[7]; wheruppon the Meir pardoned hym of the pynlok and gaue hym xviij d. out of their seueral grasse. A replevy graunted oute of that Courte in suche a case was not sene in Couentre this xx^{ti} wynter.

June 13. The court grants a replevin to R. Bevys for 180 sheep. "Repleuins granted seldom for Cattel trespassing on Comons."

[1] *i. e.* they. [2] xl li. or £40 on p. 431.
[3] Illegible through a stain.
[4] Almost illegible through a stain. [5] Stain on MS.
[6] *v.* p. 429.
[7] A writ empowering any one to recover his distrained goods and chattels.

[1] Item, the xxiiij[ti] day of August last passed the seid Chamberleins pynned CCC of þe priours shepe from Chilturne leyse, and the Maire deliuered them without gold or siluer contrarie to their letus made by their owne grauntes to þe hurtes of þe seid Chamberleins vj s. — Aug. 24. 300 sheep of the Prior free of charge.

Item, the xvij[th] day of Septembre the seid Chamberleins pynned xx[ti] score shepe of Will. Briscowes vnder the Charterhouse leyse, and the Maire delyuered them without gold or siluer to their hurte of vj s. viij d. Wheruppon the Recordor commaunded þe seid Chamberleins not to pynne his shep, ne no mannes elles, but to dryue them of the Comown; and so from the xviij[th] day of Septembre hiderto all maner catell gon at large vppon the seid Comown, & woll do, except my lordes goode grace be shewed the souner in that behalf. — Sept. 17. 400 sheep released. Order issued none to be impounded.

Item, the seid Chamberleyns on Lammas Even last past desyred the Recordor to looke the meerus for the Brodwocke with other feldes kept seuerall be the Priour: wheruppon he answered and seid they were seuerell be composicion in the tyme of Will. Saunders, then beyng Meire;[2] where it ought to be comen, as all the body of the Cite knowen. In that the forseid Laurens, on of þe seid Chamberleins, grugged, in-so-moche as the seid late Maire decessed was his ffader & myght not answere for hymself, but saide that he trusted in God to see hyt commen ayen. And then the seid Recordor seide that he wold make the seid Chamberlein to curse the tyme that euer he sigh him and wolde make him to wepe water with his yen. And for to revenged vppon hym he saide he wolde ryde to complayne vppon him vnto oure soueraign lorde the kyng. — Jul. 31. Bradock Waste,[1] says the recorder, is several since 1469. The recorder will make Laurence weep water with his eyes.

These be þe names of the ffeldes þat þe seid Laurens surmysed shuld be Comien þat were kept seuerell. — Common fields now enclosed.

[1] leaf 236.

[2] See above p. 350. Laurence himself was one of the parties consenting to the grant of Prior's Waste in severalty to the prior in 1469. Prior'sWaste and Bradock Waste were apparently identical, see I. p. 46, where the 1423 extent of the commons has a later interpolation referring to this grant. This waste was said to have been "common of old time," but sometimes common and sometimes several. The whole affair of this grant and the part Saunders played therein is mysterious.

Miry Field. ffirst, the Myre-ffeld in Stychall-hyron[1] co*m*ien at Lam*m*as.

Guphill Lane, ["Guppylle-lane"[2] at Lammas.

Hill Field, "Hull-ffeld[3] vnder Asshewe" at Lammas.

Priest's Field, "Prest*es*-ffeld"[4] at Lammas.

A croft, "A Crofte at Wolu*us* Crosse betwen þe felde of bechez & Hasilwode cald þe Stryppe*s*"[5] at Michaelmas.

Bradock Waste, The "Brodewok-waste"[6] at Michaelmas.

Bishop's Hay, The half of the "Bishopp*us*-hay waste"[7] at Michaelmas.

New Gate Quarry and a croft. "A quarell w*ith*oute Newe-3ate[8] & a Crofte th*er*by" at Lammas.

Briscow's meadow, A meadow of Briscow along the Sherbourne at Lammas.[9]

A croft at Whitley. A croft at Whitley-cross at Lammas.]

THE PRINCE'S INTERVENTION.

It appears there are suits between the prior and the town and Briscow and the town, And for-asmoch as vppon þe exa*mina*cion of þe p*re*missez afore þe highnesse of my seid lord Prynce & his honorable Counceill there & at þat tyme had, ther appered diu*er*s variance to be betwixt þe Prior & þe Town & also Briscowe & þe Town for Comon of pastur*e* etc., whech to appese hit was there condescended be the assent of þe seid p*ar*ties, that S*ir* Ric. Croftez,[10] knyght, Tresorer of my seid lorde Prince, chosen for þe p*ar*te of the Town, Joh. Catesby, se*r*iant of þe lawe,[11] for þe seid p*r*ior, & Kenelme Dicas for þe p*ar*tie of Briscowe, shulde vppon co*mmuni*cac*i*on etc. vndirstand þe Ryght in the p*re*missez; and theruppon to make relac*i*on in þat p*ar*tie to my seid lord & his Counceill þat he þ*er*uppon myght make decre vnder

so various people chosen to represent the parties implicated are directed to lay the matter before the prince's council.

[1] Stivichall-hiron was one of the fields granted in severalty to the Trinity Guild in return for their payment of a £10 annual ferm to the prior. See I. 4. For Miry Field see *ib.* 48.

[2] I. 50, but not stated if common 1423.

[3] Common 1423, v. *ib.* 48. See also below, Laurence's second list, p. 511.

[4] There is a Parson's Field, *ib.* 48. Land belonging to R. Priest is mentioned, *ib.* 15.

[5] v. *ib.* 18. I see no mention of this in 1423. Nor do I know where "Wolvus Cross" was.

[6] See above, p. 439. [7] Common in 1423, v. *ib.* 45.

[8] v. *ib.* 47, and above, p. 350. This was one of the 1469 grants.

[9] See above, *passim*.

[10] Formerly tutor to Ed. IV. The young Prince of Wales, son of Henry VI., fell into his hands at Tewkesbury. Crofte was knighted on the field of battle.

[11] See above, p. 379.

his honorable seall finally to endure etc. And be-cause þe seid Laurens, in shewyng of þe premissez, entended not only reformacion of þeym, but feyned maters to þentent to haue be venged for þe due punysshement yeven to hym be þe seid Maire for his obstynacy & disobesaunce etc., as openly there was preved, the seid Laurens was perfor be my seid lorde & his Counceill, send home to þe seid Meire to resceyue suche correccion as þe seid Maire be þadvice of his Counceill wold leye vnto hym etc. with such writyng as sueth etc.

Laurence is declared to intend not reformation of abuses but revenge on the mayor,

and is to be punished.

By the Prince.

Ryght trusty & wele-beloued, we grete you wele, and whereas nowe late Laurens Saunders, on of the Chaumberleins of þe Cite of Couentre, presented vnto vs a bill of Compleint shewyng amonges other in the same that diuers persones shuld encroche and make seuerall certein grounde þat ye clayme Common of pasture in, we haue herd & examyned the seid compleint and theruppon be thadvice of our Counceill taken suche direccions as our trusty & wele-beloued, the Recordor of þe Cite, shall opyn vnto you all at large; and woll see that ye shull haue all suche grounde as belongeth to your Comon, accordyng to ryght. And[1] as touchyng such dutees as ought to be content to þe seid office of Chamberleinship be reason of pynnyng of bestes attached in your seid Comon, as is surmysed, the matier examyned it shal-be paide as right requyreth. And ouer this for-asmoch as the seid Laurens hath knowleged before vs his obstynacy and dissobeysaunce to you Maire, Recorder & other, hauyng the rule of the seid Cite, as well in his demenaunce in shewyng the seid compleynt as in other behalfes, which is also wele proved before vs, we therfore send hym vnto you to be corrected & punysshed aftur his deserte for the conseruacion of the goode rules of the seid Cite.

Oct. 22. "Same matter." Laurence's complaint

has been heard by the prince's counell, and the matter committed to the recorder.

He is delivered to the authorities to be punished.

And besides this for the tendre love[2] we bere vnto þe same we exorte you, & natheles in my most drad lorde & fadres name straitly Charge you, that ye comons & other do your dute in obeyng the Mair his lieutenaunt ther and other

The common people to be obedient to the mayor,

[1] Substituted for "accordyng" deleted. [2] deletion.

officers of þe seid Cite accordyng to þe auncient & laudable customes þerof. And also that ye se ther be non vnlawefull assembleez, conventicles nor conspiracies made within the same Cite, nor that eny of you attempt or do thing be wey of feate[1] for the pretense of eny right of the seid Cite; but þat yf ye fynde you wronged or greved to shewe hit vnto the Mair & Counceill of þe same. And so ye togeder, as on holy body vndevided, to sewe for the redresse therof accordyng to the lawe wherin ye shall haue our help & assistence; trustyng verely ye woll remembre the noble fame that hath spredde thorough this reame of þe goode & politique rule had & vsed within þe seid Cite heretofore & se hit be not perisshed in your defalte. And in your towardnesse & goode disposicion herin we shal-be measne vnto my seid lorde & ffadre to be your speciall goode lorde; and we vnder his grace shall defende youe in your right; and also se the sore punysshement of thoes þat attempt þe contrarie of þe premisses. Yeven vnder [our] signet at þe Castell of Ludlowe the xxij^ti^ day of Octobre.

and to make no conspiracies or assemblies,

remembering the widespread good fame of the city.

The prince will inform the king of their good disposition.

Ludlow. 22 Oct.

To our ryght trusty and wele-beloued the Maire, Aldermen & Comiens of þe Cite of Couentre.

[2]With which writyng was sent a Gentilman of my seid lorde Prince to þe seid Mair to see that þe said Laurens shuld perfourme suche thynges as be my lorde & his Counceill was ther enjoyned hym to doo. And ffurthwith vppon the resceyte of the seid lettres the seid Maire let call his Brethren & Comiens into seynt Mary hall & ther let rede them openly. And theruppon the seid Laurens kneled don before the seid Maire & ther openly knoleched his offence & dissobeysaunce had & made to þe seid Maire in tyme past; wherof he besought hym of foryffenes; and there openly & lowely submytted hym-self vnto þe correccion of the seid Maire etc. Wheruppon the seid Mair, be thaduise of his Counceill, commytted the seid Laurens to Prison: In which he there remayned till, be measnes made be þe ffrendes of the seid Laurens, the seid

One of the prince's gentlemen comes to see Laurence undergo his sentence.

The unruly one publicly submits,

[1] Par voie de fait, *i. e.* by violence, *N. E. D.* s. v. feat.
[2] leaf 236, back.

Mair etc. toke a recognysaunce of þe seid Laurens of v^c li. that he shuld apper at þe next gen*er*all sessions at Couentr*e* to be holden etc. And þat the measne season he shuld be of goode beryng ayenst the seid Mair, his successo*ur*s and all other officers of þis Cite, & to be redy at all tymes to apper afor*e* the kyng*es* goode grace, yf hit so pleased his grace to send for hym etc. And that recognysaunce to be cont*in*ued fro sessions to sessions till certente were had of þe sadde demeasnyng of þe seid Laurens.

and enters into an obligation in £500 to appear at the next general sessions,

the bond to be renewed from time to time.

Memorand*um* that these p*er*sones folowyng, calde before the seid Mair into seynt Mary hall þe viij^te^ day of Januare etc. were agreable & there agreed that Laur. Saunders shuld content & paye þe cost*es* made be the fornamed p*er*sones that ryden to my lorde prynce: which cost*es* mounted to þe so*m*me of xv li. xj s. xj d. ob.

[1] Jan. 6, 1481. The cost of riding to Ludlow £15 11*s.* 11½*d.* to be borne by Laurence.

Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. Thrumpton, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Wilgrise, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Onley, Rob. Atterton, Joh. Seman, Rob. Burnell, Will. Marchall, Tho. ffurde, Hen. Kebull,[2] Rob. Jekes,[2] Ric. Colyns, Will. Horseley, Ric. Alyn, Will. Elys, Will. Thistilton, Joh. ffyssher, Hen. Marler, Hen. Ball, Gal. Arthern, Ric. Coke, Ric. Pulton, Tho. Bagot, Will. Roweley, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Doue, Nic. Brome,[3] Ric. Smyth, Joh. Mathewe, Joh. Clyff, Nic. Randull, Rob. Baker, Will. Cramp, Joh. Emmot*es*, Joh. Duddesbury, Joh. Baron, Ed. Hulcote, Joh. Shepey, Hen. Colyns, Rob. Crosse, Hugh Hyton, Rob. Greme, Joh. Gerveys, Ric. Lee, Nic. Hall, Will. White, Will. Northampton.

Names of those agreeing thereto, 51 in all.

THE CITY AND PRIOR DERAM.

[4] *The Compleynt of þe Prior.*

These ben the compleynt*es* of the Iniuries & wrong*es* don to Tho. Deram, Prio*ur*, and þe Couent of the Cathedrall Chirch of our Lady of Couentr*e* & to their predecessors, shewed & deliu*er*ed be this p*re*sent bill vnto Will. Shor*e*, Mair of Couentr*e* & his Brethern, the xvj^th^ day of

[1] Nov. 16, 1480. The complaint is

[1] I have sacrificed strict chronology to subject matter.
[2] Sheriffs. [3] ? Broune.
[4] leaf 237. For a previous dispute with the prior see p. 185.

accompanied by a protestation that more may be added if need require.

Nouembre the xx^ti^ yer of the reign of kyng Edward þe iiij^th^, *with* a *pro*testac*i*on that the seid Prio*ur* & Couent may be at their lib*er*te at all tymes to refo*ur*me & adde mor*e*, yf necessite requyreth.

Rents and services withheld.

ffirst, that where it is specified in the Trip*ar*tite[1] that þe Prio*ur* and Couent and their successo*ur*s haue their rent*es* by all þe Towne, as well Rent sek[2] as rent *ser*uice, of right to them dewe, with other, as theer*e* hit appereth, certen rentez be withdrawe by the Trinite Gilde, Corp*or*is *Christ*i and þe wardens of this Cite, as shal-be shewed to you be writyng, of the which they desyre satisfacc*i*on & restituc*i*on as lawe & consciens requireth.

One of the terms of the Tripartite as to Whitmore is broken by order of Leet 1422-3.

Also as it is in the seid Trip*ar*tite *g*raunted & relesed by the Mair*e*, co*min*alte and eu*er*y singler p*er*sone of þe same Town, lond-holdyng and other, to the same Prio*ur* and Couent & their successo*ur*s all their right in the p*ar*ke of þe same Prio*ur* and Couent of Whitmor*e*,[3] and in all her oder Man*er*s, landes, & all her other enclosures, approwement*es* then approwed in her *pro*pre soyle, in the which the ffre tena*un*t*es* of þe same Town of Couentr*e* of olde tyme hadden & claymed her comyn; which is nowe broken by the Mayr*e* & co*min*alte be an ordyna*un*ce made a*nn*o *pri*mo Reg*is* Henrici sexti,[4] which ordena*un*ce was neue*r* assented by the *pre*decessor*ur*s of þe Prio*ur* nowe beyng, nor by hym. Wherfor*e* the Prio*ur* & Couent nowe beyng desiren restituc*i*on of such wrongedoyng.

In 1469 the people broke down the prior's fences, for which no satisfaction has been made.

Also the ix^th^ yere of the reign of *our* liege lorde the kyng nowe beyng, Will. Saunders then beyng Mair*e* of þis Cite, diu*er*s vndisposed people breke the yat*es* of his pastures at Whitmor*e* & felled down his wode, & breke his hegges there, & in o*þer* places to the gret hurt & harme & to the gret rebuke of þe seid Prio*ur* & Couent, and neue*r* was satisfyed for þe hurte nor trespasse, nor myght not be suffered to sue the mysdoers; wherfor*e* they desir*e* satisfacc*i*on.

[1] Indenture Tripartite between the prior, Queen Isabella and the mayor and community of Coventry. Burton MS. ff. 98–103.

[2] Rent reserved in favour of some person but without a clause of distress in case of arrears.

[3] *v.* Dugdale 135. Whitemore was imparked in 6. Ed. III.

[4] Not mentioned in the Leet Book. It may refer to the Survey of the Commons 1423. See pp. 45 sqq.

Also þe seid people dayly with their dong, fy[l]the & swepyng throwen in the Com*i*en Ryuer so stoppen the fflodeȝates & the water in the Priorye that their Mille is vtterly letted to go; and be filthe ther suche evell eyre[1] is that he, his Brethern & all other ffolkes there be hurte, which [is] don ayenst a statute[2] made of þis matier to lese at eue*r*y defalt x li.

The filth in the river stops the mill from working and injures the health of the convent.

Also the people of this Cite yerely in som*er* throwen down & beren away the vnderwode of þe seid Prio*ur*, & birches, holyes, ooke, hawthorn & o*þer* at Whitmore p*ar*ke & his o*þer* closez ,& breken his hegges to his hurtes yerely C s.

The prior's underwood is borne away and his fences broken to his yearly damage 100*s*.

Also the people yerely in Hasil-wode, which is his grownde, throwen don thornes, ffirs, fern, brome; diggen turves, & such other; where be the trip*ar*tite they owe nothyng to haue there but com*i*en of pasture to their beste*s* com*in*able, & clay and sande for the repa*r*aci*o*ns of their housez in the Cite.

Thorns, turves, etc., taken away wrongfully in Hasilwood.

Also the people of þe Cite wrongfully seyn that the Prio*ur* overcharges the com*i*en with his shepe & Catell to þe hurte of þe Cite. This saying cannot be iustefyed, for, be lawe of þis lande, the lorde of þe waste soyle may surcharge and put þ*er*in what nombr*e* hym lykes, & is not admesurable, but þe Com*in*ers be not of suche condic*i*on nor benefice, for they ben admesurable, and to be extented at certen. And yf þe prio*ur* luste to haue þe seid Matier vnderstanden at large, the seid people owe not to haue their rule so large as they haue.[3]

The prior does not, as reported, surcharge the common,

as he is lord of the soil.

Ordinary commoners, however, ought not to exceed the number of their stint.

Also the people of þe Cite dwellyng w*ith*oute Gossefordeyate maken brigges & pathes into Harnale-feld & stoppen the dyches with þe wedes of their gardeyns & other swepyng of their houses, and by the seid brigges & pathes bryngen in horses & other Catell be nyghtes, & so ete þe pastur*e*, & some tyme sher the grasse of þe same pasture to the hurte of þe tena*u*nt*es* of the seid Prio*ur* yerely xx s.

The people without Gosford Gate

allow their cattle to eat the prior's tenants' grass.

Also the people of þis Cite yerely breken the hegges &

Fences are broken,

[1] Odour, smell. [2] 6 Hen. IV. See Poole, *Coventry*, 9.

[3] What the early rule limiting the number of beasts was I do not know. Later the stint was fixed at 2 geldings and 1 cow, or 2 cows and 1 gelding. Poole, *Coventry*, 353.

and grass trampled down at roving.

dikes of þe seid Prio*ur* in other diu*ers* places in their shotyng called rovyng,[1] & nother sparen corn ne grasse, but distroyen & defowlen hem to hir hurte yerely C s. and some yere more.

They hunt and hawk in his warrens.

Also the people of þe seid Cite hunten & hawken w*ith*in the waren of the seid Prio*ur* in Couentre, Whitmore, & many other placez w*ith*in the shire of Couentre & w*ith*oute, & hit distroyen ayen þe lawe & his Chartou*r* of waren.

The people break open the prior's several grounds,

Also þe people of þe Cite brekyng his seue*r*all grounde w*ith*in hym, called the Orchard, maken co*m*en hye weyes out of Spetelmore thorough his gardens there, and breke vp his postern yates, wherby his catell strayeth owte, and

and commit various trespasses, with defiance.

ofte tymes is lost. And also the people maken the same seue*r*all grounde a Sportyng-place w*ith* schotyng & o*þer* games, and hurten his grasse. And when they ben chalenged by his se*r*uauntes they gyven hem schort langage, saying that they will haue hit their sportyng-place.

Washing in Swanswell Pool harms the fish.

[2] Also the people of this Citie hurten the ffyshe in Swanneswel-pole be þeir wasshyng ther, which they don wrongfully; and also ffysshen be nyght & by day the

Trespass in fishing.

said pole, and other his poles by stalthe, that by diu*er*se yeres the seid Prio*ur* & his p*re*decessours han lost ffysshe to the value of C li.

The plumb-house belonging to the convent

Also the seid Prior hath grete hurt, and his p*re*decesso*ur*s many yeres han had, be w*ith*oldyng their plu*m* house[3] by þe well-yarde yate; Which was made of their own Costes for their occupacion, and afte*r*ward lant to the byldyng of

is let to farm by the church-wardens,

Michell Churche. And so the Churchewardens kepen hit still be wronge possession & sett hit to ferme yerely; which money & house so taken he desireth restitu*c*ion as consciens & right requireth.

who also lop the trees in the church-yard, and also erect buildings.

Also þe Churchewardens of Michell Churche han lopped the trees growyng in the Churcheyard, and ther maken byldynge*s*; which thei owe nott to doo, ffor such thynge*s* longon to þe p*ar*son, & not to þe p*ar*isshons by þe co*m*ein lawe; & nowe late han made newe byldyng vpon þe seid

[1] Shooting at movable targets. [2] leaf 237, back.
[3] This was a place for casting of lead. Reader MSS. in Coventry Library.

Churcheyard a-fore the Drapery dore, *with*out eny composission made *with* the seid Prio*ur* and Covent, *par*sons of the same.

Also the seid Prior & his *pre*decessou*rs* ben hurted in diu*erse* places by settyng of þe town wall vppon their grounde; by the which her lyvelode is defalked[1] yerely to the sum*me* of xlvj s. viij d., from þe tyme that John Smythyar was Mayre of þis Citie vnto this tyme; of þe which the prior desireth restitu*cion*, and howe he shalbe answered here-after.

The town-wall encroaches on the prior's ground to his damage £2. 6*s*. 8*d*. a year.

Also the pepull of the seid Citie carryen their Donge, Ramell[2] & swepyng of their houses & leyen hit vnto the walles & yate of the Priours orchard *with*out the Coke-strete-yate, and stoppen vp the wey ther, that the prior may not haue his Carriage thorough his orchard as he hath vsed to haue. Where of late tyme they leyde ther nothyng but swepyng of their houses, which was carryed a-wey by men of the Contrey to donge their londe; and now be-cause they ley þere her Ramell ther will no man Carry a-wey there as they were wont to doo, and so hit encreseth dayly more & more to the hyndraunce & grete hurt of the seid Prio*ur*.

The people deposit dung outside the Cook Street gate,

and the prior may not have his carriage through his orchard.

Also þe seid Priour & his *pre*decessours han yerely paid x li. to þe murage of this Citie, where of trouthe save of þeir good will thei ought to pay no peny; and where *pro*mise was made to the prio*ur* nowe beyng that all þe Revenuez of the lyvelode for the Murage, which amounteth to make vj perche by yere, shuld haue ben made vpon his grounde, all oder *par*ties leyd on *par*t,[3] which nowe passeth nott ij perche by yere, but enploye hit to oder repa*rac*ions of þe seid town wall; which causeth the seid Prio*ur* gretly to be hurted, and cont*r*ary to the graunte of the Chart*ur* of the Murage.

The prior pays £10 towards murage,

but instead of making six perches of wall round conventual property, the city makes only two.

Also Laur. Saunders, nowe beyng Chaumberleyne, *with* other diu*erse* vndisposed *per*sons, noysen & sklaunderen the seid prio*ur* in the Citie, saying that he kepeth diu*erse* pastures in seu*eral*te, which owen to be co*men*; of the

Saunders and others slander the said prior about the common lands.

[1] = reduced.
[2] Refuse, especially builders' rubbish, v. *E. D. D.*
[3] i. e. apart, aside.

which pastures he wold vnderstond where þei ben þat he myght answer to þeim.

The prior has sued these misdoers at divers sessions, but the tribunals are not impartial.

Of diuerse of wich wronges the predecessours of the seid Priour, and he hym-self han dyuers tymes compleyned hem to the officers of þe Citie & sued diuerse accions within this Citie ayens diuers Misdoers, and also put billes at certen Sessions to haue had the Misdoers punysshed; but þei ben so supported within this Citie, and þe e[n]questes so fauorable to hem that within this Citie no reformacion nor punysshement hath ben don. Wherfore that ye please to se these matiers reformed within your-self, accordyng to right, for elles the seid Prior must sewe elles-where for remedye, or elles suffer his house to take ouer grete wronge and hurt: which he will nott do by hys wyll. And of your disposission in these maters a-boue writtyn that he may haue an answer in writyng in brief tyme.

THE PRIOR'S RENTS.

[Rents appertaining to divers officers of the cathedral church, as appears below.

[The Trinity Gild [pays] to the cellarer.

"Vicus S. Nicholai" = S. Nicholas' Street.

[From the Gild for a burgage formerly P. Large's 4s. 8d.

[From the same for a cottage formerly J. Chaloner's 6d.

"Vicus Episcopi" = Bishop Street.

[For a tenement formerly T. Vyell's, called Rodehall 4s.

"Vicus ffontis" = Well Street.

[1] Redditus diuersi pertinentes diuersis Officiariis ecclesie Cathedralis B. Marie Couentrie, vt patet inferius.

Gilda S. Trinitatis Officio Celerarii.

De Gilda S. Trinitatis pro Burgagio quondam Petri Large iiij s. viij d.

De eadem, pro Cotagio quondam Joh. Chaloner . . . . . vj d.

De eadem, pro tenemento quondam Tho. Vyell, vocato Rodehall,[2] cum pertinenciis . . . . . iiij s.

[1] leaf 238. [2] On the Holy Cross chantry. See Dugdale, 117.

[For one at Well Street corner 6d.

" Hill-strete."

[W. Cokkes' and A. Stonley's 2s. 4d.

[For one formerly W. Palyngton's 4d.

" Crosse-chepyng."

[For one formerly Will. ffraunces' 2s. 6d.

[For one formerly R. Oky's 6d.

" Vicus Balliui " = Bayly Lane.

[For one called S. Mary Hall formerly T. Colle's 6s.

[For one which Tho. Chaundler held as a stall in Bayly Lane 1s.

[For G. de Gales' parcel of land in the Drapery 2d.

[For the part of the Drapery formerly W. Walsheman's 9d.

" Vicus de Gosford " = Gosford Street.

[For one with appurtenances formerly J. Doncastre's 2s.

" Inter pontes " = The Burgess.

[For one formerly A. Langley's 9d.

[For one formerly G. Spaldyng's 9d.

[For one formerly C. Comber's 2d.

De (etc.[1]) *pro* tenemento super Cornera*m* vici ffont*is* . . . vj d.

De (etc.) *pro* (etc.)[2] *quondam* Will. Cokkes & Alex. Stonley . ij s. iiij d.

De (etc.) *pro* (etc.) *quondam* Will. Palyngton . . . . . iiij d.

De (etc.) *pro* (etc.) *quondam* Will. ffraunces . . . . . ij s. vj d.

De (etc.) *pro* (etc.) quondam Rog. Oky . . . . . vj d.

De (etc.) *pro* tenemento vocato seint Marie hall *quondam* Tho. Colle . . . . . vj s.

De (etc.) *pro* (etc.) *quod* Tho. Chaundeler tenet *in* celda in vico Ballivi . . . . . xij d.

De (etc.) *pro* parcella terre *quondam* Gillott de Gales[3] in Draperia ij d.

De (etc.) *pro* porcione dicte Draperie quondam Will. Walsheman . . . . . ix d.

De (etc.) *pro* (etc.) cum pertinenciis *quondam* Joh. Doncastre . . ij s.

De (etc.) *pro* (etc.) quondam Alic. de Langley . . . . . ix d.

De (etc.) *pro* (etc.) quondam Gilb. Spaldyng . . . . . ix d.

De (etc.) *pro* (etc.) quondam *Christiane* Comber . . . . ij d.

[1] (etc.) here = gilda or eadem. [2] (etc.) here = tenemento.
[3] See Sharp, *Antiq.* 130.

"Extra portam" = without the gate.

[For one formerly belonging to the widow of J. Smythyer 1s. 8d.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Relicte Joh. Smythyer . . . xx d.

"Vicus Parci Maioris" = Much Park Street.

[For one formerly W. Mox's 4d.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Will. Mox . . . . . iiij d.

"Vicus Comitis" = Earl Street.

[For that portion of the Drapery towards Earl Street 4d.

De (etc.) pro illa porcione Draperie versus vicum Comitis . . . iiij d.

[For that tenement formerly T. Attemer's 3d.

De (etc.) pro tenemento quondam Tho. Attemer . . . . . iij d.

"Vicus Parci Minoris" = Little Park Street.

[For one formerly Joh. Bouer's 1s.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Joh. Bouer . . . . . xij d.

[For one formerly M. Dowghty's and A. Porter's 1s., 2 hens, and 1 man in harvest.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Matill. Dowghty & Ade Janitoris xij d. & ij gallinas & j hominem in autumpno.[1]

[For one formerly R. Swyneshed's 1s. 8d.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Ric. Swyneshed . . . . . xx d.

"Vicus de Smythford" = Smithford Street.

[For one formerly H. Horley's and M. Marchall's 6d.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Hug. Horley & Margerie Marchall. vj d.

"Vicus de Sponna" = Spon Street.

[For one formerly of the Rector of Berkswell 2s.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Tho. Ryton, Rectoris de Berkeswell ij s.

[For one formerly T. Waller's, chaplain, 2s.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Tho. Waller, Capellani . . . . ij s.

[For one formerly Master J. Cawley's 2s. 4d.

De (etc.) pro (etc.) quondam Magistri Joh. Cawley . . ij s. iiij d.

[1] At the autumn bederipe or harvesting, a last relic of feudal personal service.

[For one formerly Ric. Bate's 1s.

[For a moor formerly B. Berkeswell's 9d.

[For a tenement formerly the chaplain's 1s. 8d.

[For one which formerly R. Heleny held 1s. 4d.

[For a tenement and cottage formerly J. Lothe's 1s.

[For a tenement formerly J. Curwayn's and before that Tho. Browne's 2s.

Total £2. 7s. 9d.

whereof the gild master pays the prior yearly £1. 6s. 8d. And thus the remainder of the rent remains in arrears unpaid for 30 years, £1. 1s. 1d. a year. Total £31. 12s. 6d.

To the Treasurer.

[From the gild for land in Kersley formerly J. Braunston's, and before that Joh. Bulbek's 1s. 3d. This rent is in arrears since the death of the same Joh. Braunston.

De (etc.) *pro* (etc.) q*uondam* Ric. Bate . . . . . xij d.

De (etc.) *pro* quad*am* Mora quo*ndam* Bened. Berkeswell . . ix d.

De (etc.) *pro* ten*emento* q*uondam* Tho. Waller, Capell*ani* . . xx d.

De (etc.) *pro* (etc.) quod Ric. Heleny q*uondam* tenuit . . xvj d.

De (etc.) *pro* ten*emento* & Cotag*io* nup*er* Joh. Lothe . . . . xij d.

De (etc.) *pro* ten*emento* q*uondam* Joh. Curwayn & nup*er* Tho Browne . . . . . ij s.

S*umma* xlvij s. ix d.

Inde M*agister* Gilde sol*vit* p*riori* p*er* ann*um* xxvj s. viij d. Et sic resid*uum* Reddit*us* restat a retro non solut*um* p*er* xxx a*nn*os annuati*m* xxj s. j d. S*umma* xxxj li. xij s. vj d.

Offic*io* Thes*aurarii*.

De eadem Gilda p*ro* t*erra* in Keresley nup*er* Joh. Braunston q*uondam* Joh. Bulbek xv d. Et e*st* a retro a morte eiusd*em* Joh Braunston.

Cam*er*e Prior*is*.

The prior's treasury.

[From the same gild for 4 cottages in S. Nicholas Street formerly of Will. Coundulme . . . . . 18d. "Vic*us* S. Nicho*las*." 1s. 6d.

From the same for a tenement at Well Street corner (sup*er* Corneram) . . . . . 12d. "Vic*us* ffontis." 1s.

From the same for a tenement formerly Will. Elyot's in Bishop Street . . . . . 12d. "Vic*us* Epis*copi*." 1s.

From the same for a tenement in Bayly Lane . . 18d. "Vic*us* Baliui." 1s. 6d.

From the same for a tenement in Smithford Street formerly of Rob. ffachaum . . . . . 8d. "Vic*us* de Smythford." 8d.

From the same for a cottage in Spon Street formerly of Tho. Rows . . . . . 2s. "Vic*us* de Sponna." 2s.

"Hulstrete." 1d. Total 7s. 9d.

From the same for a tenement in Hill Street . 1d.
Total 7s. 9d. remains in arrears for 20 years.]

To the sacristan.

[1] Offic*io* Sacriste.

[From the same gild for a tenement in "Gosseford" Street without the gate (ex*tra* portam) formerly of Will. 1s. Cerotte . . . . . 12d.
It remains in arrears for 30 years.]

The Lady Chapel.

Capelle *Beate* Marie.

[From the same gild for a tenement formerly Will. 10s. Derset's . . . . . 10s.
It remains in arrears from the time the same gild acquired it (a te*mpore* adquisi*cionis* eiusd*em* tene*menti* eid*em* Gilde).

Keresley.

Mem. that the Trinity Gild has divers parcels of land in Keresley formerly in the tenure of Joh. Braunston of Coventry, which parcels indeed the same John formerly held of the Prior of Coventry at his will (ad voluntate*m*), as appears by the rental, for which he paid the office of treasurer 6s.

Mem. also that the Trinity Gild withdrew (retraxit) the land or meadow [2] at the end of the lands of the prior and convent in "Styffordeshale" by the mill which Joh. Wildegryse holds of the same gild, whereof the prior begs restitution.]

The Corpus Christi Gild to the cellarer. "Crossechepyng." 1s. 10d.

Gilda Corp*oris Christi* Offic*io* Celerarii.

[Of the Corpus Christi Gild for the tenement formerly Will. Stalworth's there . . . . . 22d.
Of the same gild for a tenement in Slepers Lane 1s. formerly of Hen. Brewes . . . . . 12d.
For a tenement in the same street by (iuxta) Slepers 3s. Lane formerly of Simon Damas . . . . . 3s.
From the same in the name of the churchwardens of Trinity church (*propositorum* eccle*sie*) for the half of a messuage, which lies in a street leading from Broad Gate 3s. 4d. (lata porta) towards Cross Cheaping . . . . . 3s. 4d.
"Westorchard." 1s. From the same for a tenement formerly Will. Honyngton's . . . . . 12d.

[1] leaf 238, back. [2] *terram* siue *pratum*.

From the same for a tenement formerly of Tho. Gloucestre . . . . . 4s. 4d. "Vicus de Gosseford." 4s. 4d.

From the same for a tenement which Joh. Pache formerly held . . . . . 6d. "Vicus de Smythford." 6d.

From the same for a tenement in the same street formerly Joh. Lynne's . . . . . 2s. 2s.

From the same for a tenement in the same street formerly of Dom.[1] Joh. Damas chaplain . . . 8d. 8d.

From the same for a tenement there formerly Joh. Horswell's . . . . . 2s. "Vicus de Sponna." 2s.

Total 19s. 8d. whereof (inde) the gildmaster pays 12s. a year; and is in arrears unpaid for 4 years at Michaelmas 20 Edward IV. And the rest, viz. 7s. 8d. a year, remains unpaid for 30 years.] Total 19s. 8d. Sept. 29. 1480.

Officio pitanciarii. To the pittancer.

[From the same gild for a croft in Harnale called Welle-croft formerly in the tenure of Will. Poteger 12d. 1s.

And it remains in arrears for 30 years and more (& vltra).]

Gardianis ville de Couentre. The wardens.

[From the wardens of the town for a piece of land in Chilterleyes . . . . . 12d. "Radford." 1s.

From the same for a tenement formerly Joh. Shipley's there . . . . . 2s. "Vicus Episcopi." 2s.

From the same for another tenement there formerly Rog. Oky's . . . . . 6d. 6d.

From the same for a stone house (tenemento lapideo) there . . . . . 12d. "Vicus fontis." 1s.

From the same for a Cottage built on the quarry (super quareram) there . . . . . 12d. "Hill-crosse." 1s.

From the same for a tenement there formerly Joh. Shipley's . . . . . 8d. 8d.

Total 6s. 2d. And it remains in arrears for 12 years. Total 6s. 2d.

From the same for a tenement formerly Ric. Sharpe's . . . . . 12d. 1s.

And it is in arrears from the death of the same Richard.]

[1] Domini.

Dec. 26.

THE MAYOR'S ANSWER.

The mayor and council's answer.

[1] The answeres of the Maire of Couentre & his Brethern made the xxvj^ti^ day of Decembre the xx^ti^ yere of þe reign of kyng Edward þe iiij^th^ to þe bill of Compleynt made be þe priour of Couentre, be protestacion þat þis answer at all tymes hereafter may be altered, added þerto, amended or otherwyse reformed at eny tyme requisite.

1. The rents.

ffirst, wher the seid Priour supposeth that certen rentes shuld be withdrawen be the Trinite Gilde, Corporis *Christi* Gilde, and þe wardeyns of the Cite, the answere herof appereth hereaftur.[2]

2. The common and the Tripartite.

As-for the secunde article conteynyng that contrarie to þe relesse of Common be the Tripartite made by þe Maire and Cominalte of all approwementes,[3] then approwed be the Priour & Couent, which the Maire & Cominalte

1422-3.

shuld breke be an ordenaunce made anno primo Henrici vj^ti^ etc. :—To this article the seid Maire & his Brethern seyn that they knowe no suche breche and yf eny such can be proued they wol-be conformable to a juste reformacion in þat behalf etc.

3. The breaking

And as-to the iij^de^ article conteynyng that when Will. Saunders was Mair[4] vndisposed persones shulde breke pastures of the seid Priour at Whitmore & let fall his

of fences in 1469 of which the mayor and council remember nothing.

wode & breke his heggez, and he myght not be suffred to sue the mysdoers :—To this article the seid Maire & his Brethern seyn that they remember no suche mysdedes don be eny persone knowen to hem and certenly be them nor theirs was non such offencez don ; and as for eny lette of suyte in that partie, neither þe seid Will. Saunders nor eny Maire sithen neuer entended to let such suyte, all-though the differryng of the suyte,[5] yf eny cause of accion be in that partie, hit hath ben & is at þe pleasur & goode will of þe seid Priour.

4. The stopped river, and evil smell,

As-to the iiij^th^ article conteynyng that the people dayly with their dong, ffilth & swepyng throwen in þe comien Ryuer and stoppen the fflodeȝates & watir in þe Priory

[1] leaf 239. [2] See below, p. 464 *sqq.*

[3] A raising of the value of common land by its enclosure by the lord of the manor. On the question of the common lands, see Introduction. [4] See above, p. 350.

[5] (?) omission.

that their Mill is vtterly letted to go & causeth evell eire[1] to the hurte of the Priour, his Brethern & other ffolkes there ayens a statute þerof made etc. :—To this article the seid Maire & his Brethern seyn that they maken dayly als gret diligens as they can to knowe the stoppers of the seid Comien Ryuer, which is on of the most Iuels þat the Cite hath, and ffewe offenders or non can be perceyued, and when eny be perceyved they ben punysshed aftur their deserve. And fferther enquerre is made at euery lete holden within the Cite, and dayly serch made be þe aldermen of euery warde of þe Cite adioynyng to the seid Ryuer for suche mysdoers so that defalt in þat partie of reason can not be arretted[2] in þe seid Maire, his Brethern, nor officers of þe Cite etc.

which evils the mayor and aldermen make daily great diligence to diminish by the punishment of offenders.

As-to the v^te^ article conteynyng that þe people of þe Cite yerely in somur throwen down & beren away þe vnderwode of the seid priour as Birches, holyes, Oke, hauthorn & other at Whitmore parke & other closez & breken his hegges :—To this the seid Maire & his Brethern seyn that yerely the Maistirs of euery crafte of þe Cite be commaundement of the Mair chargen the people of their Crafte to restreygn such dedes to be don be theym & þeir seruauntes in eschewyng the doughtfull censures of þe Chirch & also to be punysshed be the temporell lawe. And yf eny vndisposed creature offend to the Contrarie ayenst their will no defalt þerin oweth to be ascryued in them, remembryng þat the people of euery gret Cite, as London & other Citeez, yerely in somur doon harme to diuers lordes & gentyles hauyng wodes & Groves nygh to such Citees be takyng of boughes & treez, and ȝit the lordes & gentils suffren sych dedes ofte tymes of theire goode will. And ofte tymes þe offenders can-not be knowen wher-thorough punysshement myght be don etc.

5. The prior's underwood

borne away by ill-disposed persons,

concerning which depredations the mayor is apologetic.

As-to the vj^te^ article conteynyng that þe people yerely in Hasilwode, which þe Priour seith is his grounde, shuld throwe downe thornes, ffirres,[3] ffern, Brome, diggen turves & such other, where be the Tripartite the people owe[4] nothyng to haue there but pasture to their bestes

6. As to turf-digging in Haselwood

[1] air = smell. [2] = imputed, ascribed; v. *N. E. D.* aret.
[3] = furze. [4] = ought.

comynable and Cley & sand for the repa*r*acion of their howsez in the Cite :—To this article the seid Maire & his Brethern seyn that the wordes in the seid Tripartite be not so speciall & streyt as the seid prior taketh hem, but þe wordes ben as he reherseth ; and ouer that thus :— save that [1] þe people of [1] þe Comiens of the same town may digge gravell & sande for þe repa*r*acions & redresse of their houses & walles & oþer thynges and þer donge þerto putt as a-fore this tyme haue be vsed at all tymes nedefull. In which wordes gene*r*all '& oþer thynges' ys vnde*r*standen thornes, firres, feron, Brome & Turves ; & in proffe þerof the people of the Citie, afore þe makyng of the seid Tripartite, at þat tyme & sythen *with*out denyer haue had & owyed[2] all the seid thynges. And the seid Meire & his brethern by protestacion, not knowyng the grounde in Haselwode to be the seid priours, seyn þat all the inhabitantes *with*in the Citie of Couentre, be the tyme that no mannes mynde is þe contrarie, haue had & vsed their Comien to all their bestes comienally [3] & not comenable *with*out noumbur be all the yere ; and nott only for bestes comenably, for till nowe late (nott past xvj yer) that for diuerse causez swyne & gette were restreyned to be *with*in the Citie and depastur *with*out þe Citie, the inhabitantes hadden their swyne & Geete *with*out noumber goyng be all the yere in the seid grounde, and ȝett owen & mayn haue at their pleasur as well as oþer Catell comenable etc.

the mayor and council object to the interpretation of the Tripartite,

and argue that the general words "and other things" offer a loophole for turf-digging etc.

All the inhabitants have had unlimited common in Hasilwood for beasts commonable and not-commonable,

as swine and goats.

Art. 7. As to surcharging

[4] As-to the vij article conteynyng that þe people of the Citie wrongfully seyn that þe priour ouercharges þe comien *with* his shepe and oþer catell to the hurt of þe Citie, wich seying the seid Priour thynketh can-not be justified, for he seith that the lawe of the lande ys that the lorde of the soyle may surcharge and put þerin what noumber hit lykes,[5] and is not admesurable, but þe comeners ben nott of such condicion nor benefite, for þey ben admesurable, and to be extended at certeyn.[6] And yf the priour lust to haue the seid matier vnderstanden at large þe seid

[1–1] repeated. [2] or "enioyed." [3] = commonable.
[4] leaf 239, back. [5] Supply "hym."
[6] *i. e.* they must not exceed their "stint" of cattle

people owe not to haue their Rule so large as they haue :— To this article the seid Meire & his bredern, not knowyng the seid Priour to be lord of þe seid wast grounde, seyen þat þe people of the seid Citie tyme out of mynde haue had þere comen & pasturyng in þe seid grounde to all maner bestes comonable & not comonable without noumber by all þe yere yerely, so þei thynk þat be lawe þei be nott admesurable nor extendable to eny certeynte, & thinken þat yf the lorde of the soyle in such case of comien ingrose [and] surcharge wherby þe comeners, as is aforseid, be interupt of þeire comen, as is aforseid, vsed, þat such interupcion is a disseisin of the Comien to sych comeners. Neuertheles þe seid Mayre & his brethern hertyly prayen þe seid Priour to suffre this matier to reste and to do as his predecessours euer sithen the forseid Tripartite made and a-fore & sith haue don; & to take sych direccion þat loue & vnite betwixt hym & this Citie may contynue, & dayly better encresse etc.

the mayor

affirms that the commons are not stinted, but that if the lord of the soil prevent them from enjoying pasture rights it would be unlawful.

As to viij article in which is conteigned þat þe people of þe Cite dwellyng without Gosford-yate maken brigges & pathes into Harnal-feld, and stoppen the dykes with the wedes of þeir gardeyns and oþer swepyng of þeir houses, and be the seid brigges and pathes bryngen in horsses & oþer catell by nyghtes & so ete þe pasture, & som tyme shere the grasse of the same pasture :—To this article the seid Mayre & his bredren seyn þat the matiers in this article ben particler matiers betwixt the priour & sych persones only as in that case offenden, and perteigneth not to þe Maire & Comenalte as appereth þerby; so yf such offencez be don the seid Priour may at his plesur haue his laufull recouery a-yenest þe offenders, or yf hit lyke hym to gyve knowlege to þe mayre of þe names of þe offenders, he þerin will doo his diligence for þe reformacion þerof as apperteygneth to hym etc.

Art. 8. Bridges and paths into Harnal.

The matter lies between the prior and the individua misdoers.

As-to the ix article conteignyng that þe people of þis Citie yerely breken the hegges & dykes of þe seid Priour in diuerse places in þeir shotyng cald Rovyng & neyther sparen corne ne grasse but distreyne[1] & defylen hem :—To

Art. 9. Shooting

[1] ? destroyne.

this article the seid Meire & his brethern seyn þat þe matier is p*ar*ticler touchyng p*ar*ticl*er*e p*er*sones & nott the gen*er*alte, and such offenders owen to be punysshed be acc*i*on atte suyt of þe p*ar*tie greved; for it is grete hurt to all p*er*sones hauyng lyffelode about þe Citie, although such rovyng about the Citie of London & all o*þer* grete Cities is suffred; and to haue such Rovyng lefte many streyte ordinnau*n*cez be made be auctorite of letes holden in this Citie, and grett peynes lymytt, yf þe offenders were p*re*sented & knowen, and yf it plese the seid prio*ur* to gyf knowlege to the seid Meire of such offenders he will do hys effe*c*tuelly diligence þe*r*in for reformac*i*on ther-of etc.

is also a matter concerning individuals,

but reckless shooting is strictly forbidden by the city by-laws.

Art. 10. To the complaint of hunting and hawking

As-to the xth article conteynyng that the people of the Citie[1] hunten & hauken w*ith*in þe waren of the seid Prio*ur* in Couentre, Whitmore & many other placez w*ith*in the shire of Couentre & w*ith*out, and hit distroyen a-yenest the lawe & a-yenest his chart*ur* of waren:—To this article the seid Meir & his brethern seyn þ*at* this matier is also p*ar*ticler & p*ar*ticler acc*i*on to be had of such offencez; and also is enquerably be Justicez of peace w*ith*in þis Citie, & in eu*er*y gen*er*all session is enquered; and ferther may nott the Meire & his brethern doo. Neu*er*theles yf it like the seid Prio*ur* to sue be acc*i*on such offenders, þe said Maire [& his] brethern þe*r*in will do þeir laufull favo*ur* & assistence etc.

the same applies.

Let the prior prosecute.

Art. 11. Various offences

As-to þe xj article conteignyng that the people of þe Cite breken his seu*er*all grounde w*ith*in hym, cald þe Orchard, maken co*m*en high[2] weyes out of Spetelmore þorough his Gardens þere & breken vp his post*er*n yates, wherby his Catell strayeth out and oft tymes is lost; and also þe people maken þe same seu*er*all grounde a sportyng place w*ith* shotyng & other games, & hurten his grasse, and they ben chalenged be the priours s*er*uau*n*tez thei gyffen[3] theim short langage, seyng þ*at* thei will haue hit their sportyng place:—To þis article the seid Maire & his brethern [seyn] þ*at* such comyng into þe seid[4] Orchard to theim is vnknowen & þe offencez þer supposed to be

[1] "breken his seu*er*all grounde" deleted. [2] MS. "hight."
[3] "sportyng" deleted. [4] repeated.

don, so yf eny vndisposed *per*sonez þer offende þei will nott be a-yenes þe punysshement of them be eny lawfull punysshment to be sued be þe seid prio*ur* etc.

are punishable if the prior sue the offenders.

[1] As-to the xij article conteignyng that the people of this Citie hurten the ffysshe in Swanneswel-pole be þeir*e* wasshyng þer*e*, which thei don wrongfully, and also ffysshen be nyght & day the seid pole & o*þer* his poles be stalth þ*at* be diue*r*se yeres the seid prio*ur* & his p*re*decessours haue lost ffysshe to the value of an C li. :— To þis article the seid Meir*e* and his bredern seyn ffirst as to þ*at* þ*at* is seid þ*at* the people of þis Citie hurten þe fisshe in Swanneswell pole be þeir*e* weysshyng there[2] þe people vnderstanden þ*at* þe place of the seid weysshyng ys þe soyle of þe hospitall of seint John Bap*tis*te of this Citie; in which soyle the people of this Citie a-fore the foundacion of the seid hospitall then & sithen and tyme that no mannes mynde ys þe *contr*arie haue w*ith*out eny lett or denyer of eny p*er*sone had þer ease & p*ro*fitt to wasshe þer*e* at their pleasur*e*, and owen & eu*er* haue vsed tyll nowe late to wat*er* their*e* horsses at the seid pole, and where is supposed þ*at* the seid pole ys hurt þ*er*by hi[t i]s thought be co*m*en reson þ*at* þe ffysshe is p*ro*fited þ*er*bi and þe ffatter. And as for ffysshyng in the seid pole be nyght or day or stalthe of ffyshe þere :—The seid Meir*e* & his brethern knowe no such; and yf it lyke the seid Prior to vtter the names of such misdoers, which in their so doyng ben felons, they schuld be punysshed accordyng to the lawe etc.

Art. 12. As to the washing in Swanswell surely

it only profits the fish and makes them grow the fatter!

Let the prior prosecute trespassers.

As-to the xiij article conteygnyng þ*at* the seid prio*ur* hath grete hurt & his p*re*decessours many yeres haue hadde be þe witholdyng their Plumhouse be þe Welyard-yate, which was made of their own coste⁊ for there occupacion, and afterward lande to the byldyng of Michels-churche, and so þe chirchewardens kepen hit still be wronge possession and sett hit to ferme yerely; of which house & money so taken he desireth restitu*ci*on as conscience & right requireth :—To this article the seid Meir & his bredern seyn þ*at* ther haue ben

Art. 13. As for the plumb-house,

[1] leaf 240. [2] "as to þ*at*" repeated.

the church-wardens, who can be sued at law and hold lands,

Chirchewardens of þe seid Chirche of seint Michell tyme out of mynde electyff yerely by the *par*isshons of the same chirche at þeir pleas*ir*, which wardens by the seid tyme haue ben pleddable, & be empledded, and able to *pur*chas landes & ten*ement*z, which wardens be all the seid tyme haue ben seased of the seid Plumhouse to the vse & *pro*fyte of þe seid Churche. And they seyn that the seid Plumhouse was neu*er* in the possession nor in *propur*te to þe seid Prio*ur* nor eny of his *pre*decesso*ur*s, nor lant to the bildyng of the seid Churche, but þe Churchewardens of the seid Churche nowe late diu*er*se yeres haue suffered the seid Prio*ur* to haue a dore out of the seid Plumehouse to caste his led there at their suffraunce, for which occupac*i*on the same Churchewardens owen to haue a recompense, & the seid dore owe to be stopped vp. Neu*er*theles yf þe seid prio*ur* can *pro*ve that the seid plumhouse owe to be his thei will not be ayenes the right etc.

have been in possession of it time out of mind, and it was never in the prior's hands.

Art. 14. As to tree-lopping,

As to the xiiij article conteynyng þ*at* the Churche-wardens of Michell Churche haue lopped the trees grow-yng in þe Chircheyard and there maken bildynge*s*, which thei owe nott do for such thynge*s* longon to the *par*sone & not to þe *par*isshons be þe co*men* lawe, and now late thei haue made newe byldyng vpon the seid Churcheyard afore the Drapery dorre w*ith*out eny composission made w*ith* þe seid prio*ur* & Couent, *par*sons of þe same etc. :— To this article the seid Maire and his brethren seyn that as for loppyng of eny trees, ther ben ther but fewe to loppe & full fewe haue ben lopped in effecte, and yf eny such trees were lopped þei haue ben lopped by the Vicare & his[1] deputeez & not be *par*isshons. And as for the forseid New-bildyng a-yenes the Drapery dorre, the for-seid Meire & his brethern seyn that the grounde wher-uppon the seid bildyng ys sett ys no p*ar*t of Chircheyard, although nowe of late tyme sythen the last byldyng of seint Michell Churche the *par*isshons kepe their *pro*cession weye in the strete adyoynyng to the seid byldyng; but þe grounde wheruppon þe seid byldyng is afore the

that was done by the vicar.

The building

[1] "de" follows.

last byldyng of the seid Churche was p*ar*t of the high wey of olde tyme occupyed w*ith* stalles, the frount therof & the litell grounde w*ith*in the stalles sett[1] out be the Churchewardens be suffraunce of þe Meire & Co*m*enalte, which be poynt of Charter & tyme out of mynde haue had p*ro*fit of p*ur*p*re*stures[2]; and in p*ro*ve þer*o*f the p*ro*cession weye on þe South syde of the seid Churche of seint Michell afore the last byldyng of the seid Churche was where the south baye of the seid Churche ys nowe, and more-ou*er* the forseid prio*ur* agreed to the seid newe byldyng and þer*to* assented full gently etc.

is on the old highway.

"Bilding on south side of St. Michaells Church" is also on an old procession way.

[3]As-to the xv article conteynyng that the prio*ur* & his p*re*decessours ben hurt in diu*er*se places be settyng of the town wall vpon their grounde, be þe which their lyfflod ys defalked yerely to the su*m*me of iij li. vj s. viij d.[4] from the tyme þ*at* Joh. Smythear was Maire of þis Citie[5] vnto this tyme, of the which the Prio*ur* desireth restitucion, and howe he shall be answered herafter:—To this article þe seid Meire & his brethern seyn that þe Chart*ur* sued to Mure[6] & wall þis Cite be lyklyhod was labored alswell be þe aggrement & assent of þe p*re*decesso*ur* of the seid Prio*ur* nowe being in þ*at* tyme Prio*ur* as be the Maire & Co*m*inaulte then beyng, be concideraci*on* þ*at* the prior then beyng, & the Prior nowe, hath a grete lyfflood w*ith*in the walles of þis Citie and their Churche bylte w*ith*in the same; which Murage is to þe Prio*ur* & all his tennau*n*tez within this Citie a full grete suerte and a noble defence yf eny trowbull fell w*ith*in this lande—which God forbede!—which moved the p*re*decesso*ur*s of þe seid Prio*ur* to suffre, license & aggre the seid town wall to haue his Cours thorough the landes of the seid Prio*ur*s[7] as it hath thorough all o*þer* mennes freholdes w*ith*out Inte*r*upcion or denyer; and hit is an olde seying that a werke don & made for a Co*m*ien-well owe to be no groge to eny p*ar*ticler p*er*son etc.

Art. 15. The town wall

protects the prior and his tenants.

As-to the xvj article conteynyng þ*at* þe people of the Citie carion their Donge, Ramell, & swepyng of their

Art. 16. As to the depositing of refuse,

[1] = let out. [2] Cart. 21, 22, 23 Ric. II, n. 4 (Dugdale, p. 98).
[3] leaf 240, back. [4] On p. 447, £2 16s. 8d. [5] 1404.
[6] = enclose with a wall. [7] MS. Prioours.

houses and leyen hit vnto þe walles & yate of the Priours-orchard *with*-out þe Coke-strete yate, and stoppen vp the wey there that the preo*ur* may not haue his Carriage thorough his Orchard as he hath vsed to haue, where of late tyme thei leide there nothyng but swepyng of their houses which was Carried a-wey be men of the Contrey to Donge their londe, and nowe be-cause thei leye there her Ramell there will no man Carry hit a-wey as thei were wont to ddoo (*sic*), and so hit encreseth dayly more & more To the hyndraunce & hurt of þe seid Prio*ur*:— To this article the seid Meir & his brethern seyn that þe seid leying of donge ys nott in their default nor the xxx^ti^ p*er*sone of this Citie hath no resorte in to *þat* p*ar*tie, so þe seid offence, yff eny bee, is don be the tennau*n*tez & the inh*ab*itantez on that p*ar*tie of the seid Prio*ur*, calde the Priours-p*ar*te, wherin he hath his Court of lete & poiar to enquer of all man*er* annusauncez ther don & hadd, and so of right the offenders owe to be punysshed there and nott be the lete on the p*ar*te of the Maire & Co*min*alte. And also yf such p*ar*ticuler p*er*sones as is aforseid [offend] þe seid prio*ur* may haue his accion o*þer* *with*in this Citie or at Co*m*en lawe at his pleasur etc.

It is done by the prior's own tenants;

let the prior punish them in his own leet.

Art. 17. As-to the xvij article which conteigneth *þat* the Prio*ur* & his p*re*decessours haue yerely paid x li. to þe murage of þis Citie where of trouthe save of their good-will they oweth to paye no peny, and where p*ro*myse was made to the Prio*ur* nowe beyng *þat* all the reue-nuez of the lyvelode for the Murage, which amounteth to make vj perches be yere, shuld haue ben made vpon his grounde, all o*þer* p*ar*ties leid on p*ar*t, which nowe passes nott ij perche be yere, but [thei] em-ploy hit to o*þer* rep*ar*acions of þe seid town wall, which causeth the seid Prio*ur* to be gretly hurt, and cont*r*ary to þe graunt of the Chart*ur* of the Murage:—To this article the seid Meire and his brethern seyn *þat* true it is *þat* the seid prio*ur* & his p*re*decessours be certen tyme haue yerely payd x li. to þe murage of thys Cytie, which paye-ment is both of dute & good will because their lyffeloode *with*in this Citie & their p*ro*pre Churche may Rest in surte be measne of the seid Murage, as is a-fore rehersed

Murage is paid, and should be paid by the prior, because his property and church receive pro-tection from the wall.

in the xv article. And where the seid Priour seith that be promyse all the reuenues of the lyuelode for þe seid Murage shuld be made on his grounde, all oþer parties leid aparte, wich revenuez in parte be employd to oþer parties of the seid town wall:—Thei seyn to þis of duete & reason yf part of eny olde wall or yate sodenly fall, hit of reason owe first to be made and to be preferred a-fore oþer wallying; for, yf eny Juperdie schuld fall, & nede to defende the Citie, the fewer entreez for enymies be had þe more suer is the Citie. And muche better myghten the people of the Citie resorte to defende on parte [1]vnwalled then to defend many partes vnwalled, which causeth hem in tyme of nede[2] to respite þe newe wallyng as casuelte falleth. And ferther the seid Meire & his brethern seyn þat in tyme of Shoteswell, predecessour of þe seid Priour, hit was vtterly accorded be þe Meire & Cominalte of this Citie that the town wall schuld haue gon after the comien Ryver of this Citie by the Mylle in the Priory & so directly to the Derne-yate, cald the Bastell. Wheruppon at speciall desire & request of the seid Schoteswell, then Priour, & þe Covent in concideracion þat somme parte of þe wall in diuerse places was sett on theire grounde, which thei then seid was to their hurt, although he & euery priour before hadde a-greed þertoo & license of them had, 3et in recompens þerof and of all oþer hurtes þen be þe seid Shoteswell expressed, Will. Pere, then Mayre, & his brethern, for thoo causes & oþer þen rehersed betwixt theim, confermed to the desire of þe seid Shoteswell þat certen stewes & seint Osburn pole schuld be enclosed within the walles of the seid Citie, which wallyng in þat forme proceded woll cost þe seid Citie more be V^c^ marc þen the wallyng afore-tyme be þe (*sic*) meire & his brethern purposed wolde haue cost, so [for] þat cause the meire & the comenalte of þis Citie thinken that the Priour & Couent of reason owen to shewe hem grete love & favour etc.

At the request of the Priory, the city was put to great expense,

1462,

about carrying the wall round S. Osburg's Pool,

for which the prior ought to be grateful.

And as to the xviij article conteignyng that Laur. Saunders, now beyng Chaumberleyn, with oþer diuerse

Art. 18.

[1] leaf 241. [2] MS. mede.

vndisposed persones, noysen & slaunderen the seid Priour in the Citie, seyng that he kepeth diuerse pastures in seueralte, which owen to be Comen of the which pastures he wolde vnderstond where thei ben that he myght answere to them:—To this article þe seid Meire & his brethern sein that in-as-much as the matier of this article only perteigneth to the seid Laurence thei haue examened hym theruppon, and he seith that he neuer noysed eny pasture of the seid Priour to be comen but such as [he] vnderstandes owen to be Comen be the blak boke of this Citie, which specifieth þe certente of comen; and yf [it] can be founden þat he in þat behalf haue in eny wyse offended, he will a-byde such rule as þe seid Priour & the Maire of þis Citie & his bredern please to comaunde him etc.

The pastures in severalty:

Laurence only spoke what he believed the truth.

A pleading for unity.

These forseid answeres the seid Meir & his brethern prayen hertly the seid Priour & his Covent lovyngly to accept, & that thei please to remember the longe continued & hertly love betwixt them, their predecessoures & all the well disposed people of this Citie; and þat many of the seid people be fermours & tennauntz to þe seid Priour, which of reason he oweth to love & favour, and thei hym in lyke wyse; and þat þe seid priour please to be als good lover and fauorable to the Comen wele of this Citie as his predecessours many yeres past haue ben, so that verray love betwixt theym may contynue & dayly better increce to Goddes pleasur & theires etc.

THE RENTS.

[1] [Reply to the prior's bill concerning rents claimed from the gilds and from the tenements of the mayor and community.

[The mayor and his brethren, to whom the said bill is presented, say that the prior is annually duly paid the sum of the said rents claimed from the

Responcio ad billam Prioris de redditibus clamatis de Gildis S. Trinitatis & Corporis *Christi* ac tenementis Maioris & Communitatis.

Maior & ffratres sui, quibus predicta billa porrecta fuit, dicunt quod predictus prior est annuatim debite solutus de summa redduum predictorum de predicta Gilda S. Trini-

[1] leaf 241, back. See above, p. 448.

said Trinity Gild by the sergeants and servants of the same gild; and nothing of the rents is in arrear.

[The mayor etc. say that the prior and his officials have received 21*d.* from the gild (above the sum claimed by the prior) for 40 years' space, which amounts to 6 marks and more, of which sum restitution should be made to the said gild.

[As to the Keresley land, formerly J. Braunston's, held, as the prior asserts, at will, to this the mayor etc. say it is the gild's freehold and is held freely by charter from the time that the memory of man is not, and is not held at will. And this they are prepared to verify by sufficient evidence. And as to a certain rent supposed to issue from the same holding, they say that these holdings are outside the fee and lordship of the said prior.

[And as to the meadow lying in Styffordhale claimed by the said prior as appertinent to his land there, the said mayor etc. say all the meadow lying there belongs to the said gild, and has belonged from the time that memory of the *tatis* clam*ata* p*er* seruientes & Ministros eiusd*em* Gilde. Et n*ihi*l de reddit*ibus* ill*is* eidem p*ri*ori e*st* aretro.

Et dicu*n*t iidem Maior & f*rat*res sui q*uo*d Idem prior & offic*iarii* sui vltr*a* p*redict*am summ*am* clam*atam* p*er* eund*em* p*riorem* recep*erunt* annuatim de eadem Gilda viginti vnum denar*ios* p*er* spaciu*m* xl^ta^ annor*um* etc. qui attingu*n*t ad summ*am* sex marc*arum* & vltra, de qua sum*m*a etc. restitucio eid*em* Gilde d*ebet* fieri.

Et q*uo*ad ten*ementum* in Keresley nup*er* Joh. Braunston, quod tenet*ur* ad voluntat*em*, vt dict*us* prior asserit[1] etc., ad hoc iidem Maior etc. dicu*n*t q*uo*d ten*ementum* ill*ud* e*st* liber*um* ten*ementum* Gilde p*redicte*, & libere p*er* cart*am*[2] tent*um* de t*empore* q*uo* memoria h*omin*um non exist*it* p*er* cart*am* fuit tent*um* & no*n* ad voluntat*em*. Et hoc parati su*n*t verificare p*er* suffi*cientem* Euidenc*iam* etc. Et q*uo*ad aliqu*em* reddit*um* supposit*um* fore exeunt*em* de eod*em* ten*emento* dicu*n*t q*uo*d ten*ementa* illa su*n*t ext*ra* feod*um* & dominiu*m* d*icti* prior*is* etc.

Et q*uo*ad pratu*m* iacens in Styffordhale clam*atum* p*er* dict*um* p*riorem* ut p*er*tin*ens* terr*e* sue ib*idem* etc., iidem Maior etc. dicu*n*t q*uo*d totu*m* pratu*m* ib*idem* jacens[3] p*er*tinet ad terr*am* Gilde p*redicte*, & a t*empore* cui*us* co*n*trarii memor*ia* h*omin*um non existit p*er*tinuit, absq*ue* hoc

[1] deletions.

[2] Land held by charter was freehold; land held "at will" represents a servile tenure, the later copyhold.

[3] MS. jacent'.

contrary is not, without any part of the same meadow ever belonging to the land of the said prior.

[And as to all rents claimed by the said prior from the said gild of Corpus Christi, with the exception of 3*s.* supposed to issue from a tenement lying in the Cross Cheaping by Slepers Lane, formerly belonging to S. Damas, and 3*s.* 4*d.* supposed to issue from half a messuage lying in the street leading from Broadgate towards Crosscheaping, and 8d. supposed to issue from a tenement in Smithford Street, once J. Damas', chaplain's, the same mayor etc. say that these rents have been paid to the prior and his officials and nothing is in arrears.

[And as to the said rents, 3*s.*, 3*s.* 4*d.*, and 8*d.*, the same mayor etc. protest that these tenements, whence these rents are supposed to come, are outside the prior's fee and lordship, and that neither the prior nor his predecessors, since the time-limit of the writ of action of novel disseisin, was possessed of these rents or of any of them.

[And as to the 12*d.* supquod aliqua pars eiusdem prati predicte terre dicti prioris vnquam pertinuit.[1]

Et quoad omnes redditus clamatos per dictum Priorem de predicta Gilda Corporis *Christi*, exceptis iij s. suppositis fore exeuntibus de vno tenemento jacente in le Crossechepyng iuxta Slepers-lane quondam Simonis Damas, Et iij s. iiij d. suppositis fore exeuntibus de medietate Messuagii iacentis in vico ducente de Lata Porta versus le Crossechepyng, ac viij d. suppositis fore[2] exeuntibus de vno tenemento in vico de Smythford quondam Joh. Damas, Capellani, iidem Maior etc. dicunt quod redditus illi sunt annuatim eidem priori et officiariis suis debite soluti. Et inde nihil aretro est, etc.

Et quoad predictos redditus iij s. xl d. & viij d. iidem Maior etc. protestando quod tenementa unde supponuntur redditus illi provenire, etc. sunt extra feodum & dominium dicti prioris, nec quod dictus prior nec aliquis predecessorum suorum etc. vnquam post limitacionem[3] brevis accionis noue disseissine seisitus fuit de redditibus illis seu de aliquo eorum.

Et quoad xij d. suppositos fore

[1] deletion. [2] Repeated.
[3] *i. e.* since 1242. The limitation of the action to disseisins after 1242 excluded any legal action regarding disseisins that had occurred before that date. (Mr. Stevenson.) See Pollock and Maitland, *Hist. Eng. Law*, II. 51.

posed to issue from a certain croft in Harnale, called Wellecroft, the mayor protests that this holding is outside the prior's fee, and says that neither the prior nor any of his predecessors were possessed of that rent since the time-limit.

[And as to the rents claimed from the wardens, first, concerning a piece of land in Chilternleys whence the prior claims 12*d.* a year, the mayor etc. protest that the said piece of land is outside the prior's fee, and says that neither the prior nor any of his predecessors, since the time-limit, was in possession of the rent.

[And as to 12*d.* supposed to issue from a stone tenement lying in Well Street, the said mayor etc. protest that the tenement is without the prior's fee, and say that neither the prior nor any of his predecessors was in possession of the rent since the time-limit.

[And as to the 12*d.* rent supposed to issue from a tenement in Spon Street, formerly Ric. Sharp's, and as to all the other rents claimed from the wardens by the said prior, the said mayor etc. protest that the tenements whence the rents are supposed [to arise] are outside the prior's fee, and says that neither the prior nor any of his predecessors was seized exeunt*es* de q*uodam* Crofto in Ha*r*nale, voc*ato* Wellecroft, iidem Maior etc. p*ro*testando q*uod* ten*ementum* ill*ud* e*st* ex*tra* feod*um* etc. dic*unt* q*uod* nec dict*us* p*rior* nec aliq*uis* p*re*decessor*um* suor*um* etc. vnq*uam* post limitac*ionem* etc. fuit seis*itus* de reddit*u* p*redicto*.

Et q*uoad* om*nes* reddit*us* clam*atos* de Gardian*is* ville de Couentr*ia*, vid*elicet*, In p*rim*is, de vna pecia t*er*re in Chilt*er*leys in Radford, vn*de* dict*us* prior clam*at* xij d. p*er* annu*m*, iidem Maior etc. p*ro*testando q*uod* p*re*dicta pecia t*erre* e*st* ex*tra* feod*um* prior*is*, dic*unt* q*uod* nec dict*us* p*rior* nec aliq*uis* p*re*decessor*um* suor*um* vnq*uam* post limitac*ionem* acc*ionis* etc. fuit de reddit*u* ill*o* seu de etc.

Et q*uoad* xij d. suppos*itos* fore exeunt*es* de ten*emento* lapideo iac*ente* in vico ffont*is* etc., iidem Maior etc. p*ro*testando q*uod* ten*ementum* ill*ud* e*st* ex*tra* feod*um* etc. ipsius p*rior*is etc., dic*unt* q*uod* nec dict*us* p*rior* nec aliq*uis* p*re*decessor*um* suor*um* fuit de reddit*u* ill*o* seis*itus* post limitac*ion*em etc.

Et q*uoad* xij d. reddit*us* suppos*itos* fore exeunt*es* de ten*emento* in vico de Sponna nup*er* Ric. Sharp, et q*uoad* om*nes* al*ios* reddit*us* p*er* ipsum prior*em* de p*redict*is Gardian*is* clam*atos*, iidem Maior etc. p*ro*testando q*uod* ten*ementa* vn*de* suppon*untur* reddit*us* etc. sun*t* ex*tra* feod*um* etc., dic*unt* q*uod* nec ipse p*rior* nec aliq*uis* p*re*decessor*um* etc. fuit de reddit*ibus* ill*is* seis*itus* post limitac*ionem* etc.; ac tamen dic*unt* iidem

of the same since the time-limit, nevertheless the mayor says that if the prior can show that he has a just and legal title to them or any parcel of them, in this matter they are willing to be ordered according to that which is just.

[This reply to the said prior is delivered by the aforesaid mayor, under this protestation, viz. that the mayor etc. in the future may change this reply, take from it, vary from it or add to it at will without prejudice or challenge of any one.

Maior etc., quod in casu quod Idem prior iustum & legalem titulum ad redditus predictos seu ad aliquem (*sic*) parcellam eorundem habendum monstrare poterit se (*sic*) voluerit etc. in (*sic*) ipsi in hac parte secundum quod iustum fuerit se voluerint conformari, etc.

Ista responcio predicto priori sub hac protestacione per predictum Maiorem etc. deliberatur, videlicet quod iidem Maior etc. omni tempore decetero responcionem istam mutare possunt & de ea variare si etc. ac eam minuere siue eidem addere ad eorum libitum sine preiudicio seu contraddicione (*sic*) alicuius.

THE PRIOR'S REPLICATION.

[Rejoinder of the prior and convent to the mayor's answer concerning the rents.

[First, as to the rents issuing from divers tenements, the prior and convent say that they have not been paid by the ministers of the Trinity gild as is supposed by the response, but that the gild is in arrears to them for 30 years and more, as appears in the said prior's bill, £31 12*s.* 6*d.*

[And further they say that neither they nor their officers have received annually for 40 years, as is supposed in the

Replicacio Tho. Dirram, Prioris & Conuentus ecclesie etc. ad responcionem Maioris etc. ville de Couentria quoad redditus.

In primis, Idem prior & Conuentus dicunt quoad redditus exeuntes de diuersis tenementis Gilde S. Trinitatis quod non sunt soluti per Ministros Gilde prout per responsionem supponitur, sed quod Gilda predicta est a retro in arreragiis illis debitis per xxx^ta^ annos & vltra, vt patet in billa dicti prioris, xxxj li. xij s. vj d.

Et vlterius dicunt quod, ipsi nec officiarii sui non receperunt annuatim per xl^ta^ annos, vt in responcione supponitur, predictam summam[1] viginti

[1] One stroke too many for "m."

response, the sum of 21*d.* amounting to the sum of 6 marks, in addition to the sum claimed by the prior. Therefore no such restitution is by any means owing to the said gild.

[Item, the same prior, etc. say that J. Braunston held in fee one acre and one rood of land in Keresley, formerly Sim. Bulbek's, rendering annually thence 1*s.* 3*d.* to the prior.

[And the same John held at will divers parcels of land in Keresley, as appeared in the same prior's rental, which are within the said prior's fee.

[And as to the meadow in Styffordhale, the same prior says that all that meadow lying at the end of his lands there belongs to the same prior and convent by reason of his land aforesaid in right of his church, and belonged [to them] time out of mind, until the prior and convent and their predecessors were disseised by Tho. Wilgris and Joh. Wilgris by command of the mayor and community of Coventry.

[And as to the rents supposed in the said response by the mayor to be well and faithfully paid, the said prior says they are not duly paid, as is before supposed.

& vnius denariorum, attingentem ad summam sex marcarum, vltra summam per priorem clamatam. Ideo nulla talis restitucio dicte Gilde omnino debetur.

Item, iidem prior etc. dicunt quod Joh. Braunston tenuit in feodo j acram & j Rodam terre in Keresley, quondam Simonis Bulbek,[1] reddendo annuatim inde priori etc. xv d.

Et idem Joh. tenuit ad voluntatem diuersas parcellas terre in Keresley, vt [p]*atet* in rentali eiusdem prioris. Que sunt infra feodum dicti prioris.

Et quoad pratum in Styffordhale iidem Prior etc. dicunt quod totum illud pratum iacens ad finem terrarum suarum ibidem pertinet eisdem priori & Conuentui racione terre sue predicte, vt in jure sue ecclesie, & a toto tempore cuius contrarii memoria hominum non existit pertinuit, quousque iidem Prior & Conuentus & predecessores sui fuerunt disseisiti per Tho. Wilgris & Joh. Wilgris per preceptum Maioris & Communitatis Couentrie.

Et quoad redditus in dicta responsione per maiorem etc. supposítos bene & fideliter solutos iidem prior etc. dicunt quod non nec debito modo sunt soluti, vt prius supponitur.

[1] or Bullek.

[And as to the other rents asked from the Corpus Christi gild, viz. 3*s.* from a tenement in Cross-Cheaping by Slepers-lane, formerly belonging to S. Damas, and 3*s.* 4*d.* from the half of a messuage in the street leading from Broadgate towards Cross-Cheaping, and 8*d.* from a tenement in Smithford Street, formerly belonging to J. Damas, the chaplain, the prior and convent say that the tenements are within their fee, and that the prior and his predecessors had seisin of the rents after the time-limit of the Assize of novel disseisin.

[And thus the prior and convent say that they and their predecessors were seised of all the other rents specified in the said reply after the limitation aforesaid. All these things they are ready to verify.]

Et quoad alios redditus demandatos [de] Gilda Corporis *Christi*, videlicet iij s. supposit*os* fore exeuntes de j tenemento iacente in le Crossechepyng iuxta Slepers-lane, quondam Sim. Damas, Et iijs. iiij d. supposit*os* fore exeuntes de medietate vnius Messuagii iacentis in vico ducente de Lata Porta versus le Crossechepyng, ac viij d. supposit*os* fore exeuntes de vno tenemento in vico de Smythford, quondam Joh. Damas, Capellani, iidem prior et Conuentus dicunt quod tenementa predicta sunt infra feodum suum. Et quod ipse prior & predecessores sui fuerunt seisiti de redditibus predictis post limitacionem assise noue disseisine.

Et sic iidem Prior & Conuentus dicunt quod ipsi & predecessores sui fuerunt seisiti de omnibus aliis redditibus in dicta responcione specificatis post limitacionem noue disseisine. Quas quidem omnes & singulas replicaciones iidem prior & conuentus parati sunt verificare.

Jan, 4, 1481. The replication continued.

[1] The replicacion of the priour & Covent of þe Cathedrall Church of our Lady of Couentre to þe answeres of the Mayre of Couentre and his bredern made the iiijth day of January the xx^{ti} ye[re] of the Reign of Kyng Edward the iiijth; [provided] that this Replicacion at all tymes here-after may be alterd, added therto, emended or oderwise reformed at eny tyme behovabull.

Art. 1. The gilds' rents.

ffurst, as to þe rentes demaunded by the seid Priour & Covent of the seid Maire & Cominalte and seid Gildes, the replicacion of þe seid prior & Couent to þe answere of þe same Mayre & bredern is conteyned in a bill as it appereth moore playnly in the same.

Art. 2.

As to the ij article, the same Priour & Couent sayn

[1] leaf 242.

that such breches han be made as hath be shewed before-tyme be wrytynges be the seid priour to the Maire and his bredern; and ȝitt shal-be proved by sufficiant proves when nede requireth.

The prior will prove his allegations.

As to the iij article, the seid priour & Couent sayn þat vndisposed people by þe commaundement of Will. Saunders, then beyng Mayre of Couentre, breke doun his pastures at Whitmore, and falled down theire wode, and breke doun their hegges,[1] and was after promysed that[2] þe Mayre & his bredern that a Croft without þe New-ȝate of Couentre with oder feldes of þe same Priour & Couent shulde be made so[3] to theim and to þere successours by writyng & vnder the seall of the Town þat þei, ne non of their successours, euer after shulde be vexed ne trobeled be-cause thei shulde nott take their suytt when Will. Briscowe toke his suyt for such offens don to hym[4] in the same season. And the names of the same mysdoers shall appere when tyme requireth.

Art. 3.

In 1469

the close by New Gate

was made over when the prior and convent agreed not to trouble the city with a suit.

Also to þe iiij[th] article, the seid Priour & Couent sayn that ther is non such enquerans[5] had by þe Mayre & his brethern, neyther no such punysshement, neyther no such diligens of punysshement had of no such mysdoers of þe defylers of the Ryver; for and ther were eny such diligens or punysshement, as is supposed by the Mayre and his bredern, hit is certen that the contynuaunce of þe same mysdoyng shulde not be dayly soo in contynuaunce of vse as it is no more then in oder place.

Art. 4. The prior disbelieves in the punishment of the defilers of the river.

As to matier comprised in the vj article, the seid Priour & Couent refere theim-self to þe kynges lawes, and to such lerned Counceyll as can be thaught expedient for the determinacion of the same.

Art. 6

As towchyng the vij article, the seid prior & Couent haue & ben lordes of þe soyle, as shal-be shewed be credible and sufficient proves at such conuenient tymes as shal-be required; and as to the remenaunt of þe matiers comprised in the seid article, the seid Priour & Couent refere theim-self to the kynges lawes, and hit to be determined as is aboue rehersed.

and Art. 7

are referred to the law's determination.

[1] See above. [2] ? by. [3] ? sure.
[4] MS. hyn. [5] Inquiry.

Art. 13. The plumb-house.

As for the matier conteyned in the xiij article,[1] as for the plumhouse, the seid Prio*ur* & Couent shall make p*ro*ve of þeire title & possession when hit shal-be required.

Art. 14. The parcel of the church-yard was not waste ground;

As for the matier comprised in the xiiij article, the seid Prio*ur* & Couent seyn that þe same grounde is p*ar*cell of the Churcheyarde, and was no wast-grounde. Wherfor the seid prio*ur* & Couent sayn that the sayde Mayre and Co*min*alte owen nott to approwe them of his grounde, neyther be lawe, reason nor consciens; and where thei sey that the seyd prio*ur* lycensed so to bygge[2] and soo therto was agreed, Therto seith the same Prio*ur* that he gaff no such licens nor neu*er* made such agrement as in theire-of answere is supposed.

no licence to buy it was obtained.

Art. 15.

As for the matier comprised in the xv article, the seid Prio*ur* & Couent sayn that ther was neu*er* no such licens labored by non of their p*re*decessours, nor by their agrement nor knowlege, of non such murage[3]; and ou*er* that, the seid prio*ur* & Couent seyn that neyther be lawe, reson nor good consciens, that a co*men* langage, ne co*men* sayng, shulde disherite or hurt any man ayenest the kynge*s* lawes, and though it be a Co*men*-weyle to the Maire & Co*men*alte of þe seid Citie to dissease the seid Prio*ur* & Couent of their said grounde, that co*men*-wele is nott sufferable by the kynge*s* lawes; which thynge*s* the seid prio*ur* shall p*ro*ve such tyme as cawse shall require.

Anent murage.

The prior refuses to be dispossessed of his land even for the common good.

Agreement of Prior Shoteswell denied.

[4]As to[5] the matier comprised in the xvij article the seid prio*ur* & Couent sayn that ther was neu*er* no such agrement made [be] his p*re*decessours, Prio*ur* Shoteswell, nor non of his brethern, as the same nowe prio*ur* & his brethern knowen verely.[6]

Measures will be taken according to legal advice.

And as for all o*þer* articles calde by you p*ar*ticler matiers, the seid prio*ur* & Conuent will take such remedye as shall be thought most expedient be theire lerned Councell hereafter.

All which matiers in these forseid Replicacions com-

[1] "the seid Prio*ur* & Couent seyn that the same grounde" deleted.
[2] = build. [3] Stroke of "m" wanting.
[4] leaf 242, back. [5] "for" deleted.
[6] "All which matiers in thees forseid Replicacions comprised the seid Mair & couent shall" deleted, "averye" undeleted.

prised the seid Priour & Couent shall averye[1] and prove before such persones and at such places as this case shall require.

And where-as the Meire and his brethern prayen hertly to the Priour and his Couent lovyngly to accept their answeres made to theire complayntes, thei thinke it is no lovyng desire; and thei please to call to theire remembrauns howe that late vppon a surmyse made to my lorde prynce of diuerse Iniuryes don by hym[2] & oper persones, as ye knowe well, for the which my sayd lorde prynce and his Councell toke a direccion such as ye knowe, for the which ye lust to haue a Communicacion with me of my greves; of pe which with deliberacion hadd the xvj day of Nouember last past I deliuered you writyng to the which, the ij[de] day of Januare next folowyng, ye deliuered answeres in writyng; by the which I & my bredern thinke is no thyng accordyng for reformacion but delayes: Wherfore I and they desyre & prey you to haue vs excused of further communicacion, for when the matier shall com in reuolucion, there as best right is I prey God hit may rest, for we trust to God in our compleyntes ben no feynied matiers but such as shall be proved be credible proves in writyng. And for your answeres ye haue taken longe leysare to conceyve, suasyous like as it appereth, but we trust to haue oder remedye where trowthe schal-be knowen.

Dissatisfaction of the prior and convent at the mayor's answer,

especially at the delays attending the same,

whereupon he waxes haughty and sarcastic.

RIC. COLYNS, MAYOR, 1481.

[3][¶ Election of officers.]

"Couentre." Jan. 25.

Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Wildegrice, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Onley, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Seman, Rob. Atterton, Rob. Burnell, Will. Marchall, Tho. ffurde, Joh. Hoton, Rob. Blubury, Will. Thistelton, Hen. Marler, Will. Taillour, Bowyer, Joh. Gryme, Joh. ffyssher, Gal. Arthern, Th. Chircheman, Joh. Castell, Joh. Dove, Nic. Brome.

Electors.

[m. Ric. Colyns; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Ric. Nores,

New officers.

[1] v. *N. E. D.* aver = to prove true, confirm, verify.
[2] Whom? Note change of construction.
[3] leaf 243. Bailiffs, Joh. Kebull, Rob. Jekes.

Ric. Drought; w. Ric. Smyth, Rob. Grene; mace, Will. Nasshe.

J. Ps. Ric. Colyns, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. Thrumpton, M. G. S. T., Joh. Wyldegryse, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton.

Key-keepers. The same except the recorder and Ruyton.]

Mar. 7–Apr. 22.

THE PRIOR'S LAWSUIT.

The steward goes to London about the prior's business; Mem. þat Joh. Boteler, styward, be the advice of þe Meire & his Counceill, was sent to London in Lenton, then beyng the prio*ur* at London at the Conuocac*i*on, to vndirstond what day þe Counceill of þe Cite & of þe prio*ur* wolde poynte to mete & where to haue co*mmuni*cac*i*on of þe variauncez betwixt them etc. at which tyme was poynted for þe Cite Joh. Vauaso*ur*, *ser*iaunt, & Tho. Kebull; and for the parte of þe prio*ur*, Joh. Catesby,[1] *ser*iaunt, and Will. Catesby[2]; they to haue mette at Couentr*e* in Passion weke next folowyng etc., afore which day the seid prio*ur* dyed at London, & so that matier discontynued, etc.

but the prior dies, and the business is postponed.

WAR WITH SCOTLAND.

Apr. 7. [3]Mem. that þe Seturday next before Passion Sonday doct*o*ur Dunmowe, Guy Wolston, Tho. Lovet, & Pemb*er*ton, yom*en* of þe Crown, delyu*e*red to the Meir*e* a lettr*e* fro the kyng wherof the tenur therof heraftur ensueth.

Feb. 28. *By the kyng.*

The king Ryght trusty & wele beloued, we gret yewe wele: and where hit is so that aft*ur* long contynued werr*es* & diuision betwen þis o*ur* realme of Englond & other reames & Cuntreez next herunto[4] adioynyng for the welth & relief of the same o*ur* reame, It hath be in sond[r]y wise practised be vs to haue a long peax with þe seid realmes

[1] Justice of common pleas; died 1486. The Catesbys held the manor of Lapworth, and had held also property in Coventry. *v.* Camden's *Visitation of Warwickshire*, 125–6.

[2] Nephew of the preceding. Of him it was said:—

"The cat, the rat, and Lovel our dog,
Rule all England under a hog."

[3] leaf 243, back. [4] MS. nex therunto.

& Cuntreez & namely with them of þe roialm of Scotland, which for nyghnesse of their marches to oures, withoute see or gret Ryver, haue be wont & myght of liklyhode do ofter & gretter annoyance to þis roialm of Englond then eny other: In eschewyng wherof, & to þe more perfite establisshement of the lenger trewes take betwen vs & them, we haue be agreed to oure gret charge & costez to graunte in mariage to the son & heir of hym that nowe pretendeth to be kyng ther on of our doughters, they to be maryed togedirs at such tyme as they both shuld come to their lawefull agez; and to haue in contemplacion of & for the same Mariage payde ȝerely diuers grete sommes of money to the seid kyng of Scottes, accordyng to þe appoyntementes & articles passed betwen vs both, not commyttyng, nor as moch as was in vs suffryng eny thyng to be commytted or don wherby the seid trewes & othe[r] conuencions passed betwen vs, as is aforseid, myght fall in vyolacion or Ruptur in any wyse.

in order to establish a longer truce with Scotland, had arranged a marriage between one of his daughters and the Scotch king's son.

This not-withstondyng, the seid pretensed[1] kyng of Scottes ageynst all feyth, trouth and honoure contrarie to the seid Trewes & conuencions, hath sodenly withoute cause or matier resonable hath[2] levyed werre within this oure realme, entendyng to dilate his marches ferre within oures, to the confusion & vtter disheritaunce of vs & of our lieges, yf grete & myghty resistence be not spedely had, agaynest his vntrue & lang purpensed[3] malice. And for-asmoch as aftur a Rode & recountre[4] made vppon the Scottes at thende of this last somer within their grounde by oure Brother of Gloucestre,[5] then oure generall lieutenaunt in thoos marches, and oure Cosyn of Northumberland,[6] oure warden of the Est & mydell marches, hauyng thassistance of our feithfull subgettes, the nobles and Commons of the north parties of oure land, which accompenyed our seid Brother & Cosyn in myghty & noble apparell in their gret and right thankfull charges; wher thorough the Scottes at that tyme shamefully gaff bak and durst not

This not-withstanding the Scots have levied war.

Although a raid has been successfully conducted against them under Gloucester,

[1] pretended. [2] redundant.
[3] Prepense, thought out, deliberate. *N. E. D.* s. v. Perpensed, where only one quot. c. 1540 is given.
[4] A rencountre, skirmish. [5] Afterwards Richard III.
[6] Henry Percy.

defend their bordures ayenst the seid armee, yet the seid Scottes, of their Custumable pryde and surcuydaunce[1] remaynyng obstinatly in their first purpose, make no measne ne mocion for eny appesyng of þe seid werre and diuision, but, as we ben certenly enfourmed, make gret procuracion to invade thys our Royaume of Englond with arme Royall this next somur: Which yf they were soufred to doo (that God forbede!) were lyke to put this lande in grete perill & ieoperdie.

they make further preparations for war.

In avoydyng wherof and of oþer inconuenientes that elles myght ensue, we, be thaduise of the lordes spiritual & temporall of this our lande late ensembled at our palais of Westm[ynstre] in our grete Counceile holden there in þe moneth of Nouember last past, pretentyng[2] theffecte of þe malicious purpos of our Ennmies, th' Scottes aforsaid, for þe weyle & defense of oure Royaume and subgiettes as-well of our owne courage as by thaduise of the lordes of our counseill, haue vtterly determined vs by Goddes grace to addresse vs in person in all goodly hast towardes the seid parties of Scotland with armee & host Royall hable to entre, and that with Goddes grace shall entre, the same lande to subdue & doo the annoyaunce there possible to be don both be see and by lande in repressyng and abatyng the faulse courage and surcuydaunce of þe Scottes aforseid in such wyse as we trust fermely by the helpe and assistence of our lovyng & feithfully (*sic*) subgiettes in our good &[3] vndoubted just quarell, which be naturally born to be soueraign of that land,[4] to reporte such victorie from thens wherby thenhabitantes of this our Royaume shalbe assured to leve in peax and tranquillite out of þe fere of doubte of the Scottes many yeres to come.

The king has determined to take the field in person,

And for-as-muche as so grete & so chargeable a werke may not comodyously be executed without grete noumber of people, also diuerse & sumptuos prouisions of artillarie, vitaile, cartages, shippynges & thinges[5] in þis behalue, which were importable[6] for vs to bere allone, as it is evidently knowen, Therfore it is that we write vnto you at

[1] boastfulness, arrogance.
[2] = alleging.
[3] "vndoubtfull" deleted.
[4] An ancient claim revived.
[5] ?) written with deletions.
[6] unbearable.

this tyme signyfying vnto you the p*re*missez to thentent þ*at* ye for your p*ar*tie[1] may & woll[1] shewe your gode and toward disposission and towardnes in assistence [in] this[1] grete work by you and youres to your power in such wyse as be our*e* trusty s*er*uau*n*t*es* & Commissione*rs*, berers herof, we may be certeyntly assured what man*er* ayde & supporte shall com from you to the good conduyte of this voiage. Desiryng you therfore right effectuosly & natheles chargyng you in the streitest wise that in yevyng credence to þe berers aforseid in that they haue toppeyne[2] too[1] you in our behalf touchyng the p*re*misses ye take this matier in tendur rememberaunce & sende by theim such answer & comford in the same as God & we may be pleased, thys Royalme defend and saved from hostillite, as it app*er*teyneth: Lettyng you wete that ye so doyng shall not only acquyte you in your trouth that ye naturally be bounde to bere to the defense of this Royalme against the Scott*es*, but also des*er*ue of vs a singuler thank and therby to stonde alwey in our*e* more speciall grace and fauo*ur*. Yeuen vnder our signet at our Citie of London the xxviij day of ffebruare.[3]

and begs for aid in this expedition

of his faithful subjects,

who are to communicate with the bearers of this letter thereupon,

and earn the king's good-will by their response thereto.

London.

[4]Vppon lyue*re* of which lettr*e* was C*ommunicacion* had betwixt the seid Com*m*yssione*rs* and the Mair & his Brethern in the Priory the forseid Seturday; and be gret difficulte the seid C*om*myssione*rs* wolde agree to no lesse then CC marc', and that to haue ben brought to hem to Warrewyk that day seuenyght etc.

The commissioners agree to take 200 marks.

And on the morowe aft*er* came from the kyng [5] Stodealf and brought like writyng as is before wreto*n* v*er*batim direct to þe Maire & his Brethern beryng date þe xix day of March in dischargyng þe seid Com*m*yssione*rs* of eny thyng ferther to doo w*ith*in the seid Cite, for þe kyng wold þ*at* such as shuld be don etc. shuld be don to my lord Prince etc. And þe seid Stodehalf had c*er*ten credens to vtter besid*es* the wrytyng, which was thus:—that the kyng & my lorde prince wolde haue men

Apr. 8.

Another letter directing

that the levy should be in the prince's name.

[1] deletions. [2] = to open.

[3] The money for this war was raised by Benevolences. *v.* Stubbs, *Const. Hist.* III. 224. Berwick was recovered by the English.

[4] leaf 244. [5] blank.

Whereupon, Apr. 9, it was agreed that 60 men should be waged at 6*d.* a day for three months.

& no money. Wheruppon the Munday next aftur be a gret hall made hit was agreed & graunted that a Captaygn & iij[xx] men archers shuld be redy waged for a quarter of a 3ere, which shuld attend vpon my lorde Prince etc.

The wards assessed.

These be þe wardes þat were sessed for wagyng of þe seid iij[xx] men & Capteyn, euery man to take be þe day vj d.

Gosseford: Collectours, Rog. Sutton, Edm. Hadley.

£17 8*s.* 0*d.* ffull paide. xvij li. viij s.

£12 0*s.* 0*d.* received; 10*s.* unpaid. *Jurden-Well:* Hen. Staffordshire, Joh. Baron. *recepti*; vnpaide x s. xij li.

£15 0*s.* 0*d.* received 9*s.* unpaid. *Miche-park-strete:* Ric. Reynold, draper, Rob. Tasker, *recepti*; vnpaide ix s. xv li.

£12 0*s.* 0*d.* *Bailly-lane:* Hugh Huyton, Will. Haddon. full paide. xij li.

Erle-strete: Rob. Baker, Joh. Duddesbury, Will.

£18 0*s.* 0*d.* Smyth. full paide xviij li.

£7 10*s.* 0*d.* received. 4*s.* 10*d.* unpaid. *Brodezate:* Raffe Russell, Hen. ffulnaby. *recepti*; vnpaide iiij s. x d. vij li. x s.

£12 0*s.* 0*d.* received; £3 8*s.* unpaid. *Smythford:* Ric. Dawes, Rafe ffreman. *recepti*; vnpaide iij li. viij s. xij li.

£17 0*s.* 0*d.* unpaid 6*s.* *Spon-strete:* Joh. Alen, Baker, Rob. Smyth, walker, Joh. Reynold, walker. vnpaide vj s. xvij li.

£22 12*s.* 0*d.* received; 4*s.* 8*d.* unpaid. *Crossecheping:* Joh. Baron, Barbour, Will. Reynold, Dyer, Rob. Hardy, Bocher. *recepti*; vnpaide iiij s. viij d. xxij li. xij s.

£17 0*s.* 0*d.* received; 20*s.* unpaid. *Wel-strete:* Rob. Wode, Tho. Hadley, Tho. Potell. *recepti*; vnpaide xxs. xvij li.

Total £150 10*s.* 0*d.* *Summa totalis* vij[xx] x li. x s.

Total of the wages of the captain and 60 men £148 6*s.* 6*d.* *Summa vadiorum* de le Capteyn & iij[xx] men vij[xx] viij li. vj s. vj d.

The wardens received £136 19*s.* 6*d.* paid to soldiers and spent in London. Of which some of vij[xx] x li. x s. Ric. Smyth & Rob. Grene þen beyng wardeyns rescieved of þe collectors of þe seid wardes vj[xx] xvj li. xix s. vj d., whiche was paide to sowdiours & spent at London aboute þe matier in variance betwixt þe towne & Briscowe for þe Comiens etc. as appereth in þe accompt of þe seid wardeyns etc.

Not collected.

£13 9*s.* 6*d.* whereof the mayor received £7 7*s.* 0*d.* And *per* rested behynde vngadered of þe seid wardes of þe seide hole some xiij li. ix s. vj d.,[1] of which some þe seid Maire rescieved afterwarde vij li. vij s., wherof he made pleyn accompt of þat more and be hym rescieved as

[1] It should be £13 10*s.* 6*d.*

appereth after*warde*. Et sic rest*at in*collect*i* de magna su*m*ma inter* ward*as* p*redict*as* vj li. ij s. vj d. — And thus there remains uncollected of the great sum among the wards £6 2s. 6d. From the foreigns £4 11s. 0d.

Item, for wagyng of þe seid xx iij men was gadered & brought in of þé fforreyns in grosse amonge*s* them iiij li. xj s. be þe Mair resceyued etc.

These be the names of þe Captaign & xx iij men aforseid waged to goo etc., wherof þe most p*ar*te had half their wage*s* paide beforehande, & either of them j noble towarde*s*[1] þe price of their horsez, & some jak & salet & bowe & arrowes, as appereth in the boke of þe wardeyns accompte. — The names of the captain and 60 men.

Edward Briscowe was named to haue be Captaygn, & had taken grete p*ar*te of his wage*s* viz. iiij li. xvj s. viij d. before hand, and after he was discharged be my lorde Maistir[2] seying þ*at* my lorde prynce wold haue no captaign vnto þe seid xx iij men but such as he wolde assign, & þ*at* he wold they shuld awayte vppon hym. — Bristowe discharged from the Captaincy.

The names of xx iij men which resc*eived* eue*r*y man of þeym be þe hande*s* of þe wardeyns xxix s. v d. & some more as appereth in þe wardeyns acco*m*pt etc. — Their wages, £1 9s. 5d. others more.

Re*ceived* xxxiiij s. ix d. of his wage*s*, Joh. Ledes of Co*ventre*, sherman; Will. Capper de eade*m*, Capper, a bowe etc.; Randull Whithall (etc.)[3] yom*an*; Ric. Campion (etc.) Taillo*ur*; Hugh Boland (etc.) se*r*uaunt; Hugh ffovell (etc.) Taillo*ur*, j salet; Joh. Longshawe (etc.) Taillo*ur*; Rob. ffox (etc.) wiredrawer; Joh. Passant (etc.) Baker, j sheff arrows; Will. Hill (etc.) yom*an*; Will. Caton (etc.) Coue*r*letweue*r*, xv d. oue*r* etc.; Hugh Aphowell (etc.) sherman; Ed. Baker (etc.) Coruise*r*; Tho. Keen (etc.) Barker; Rafe Yolyn (etc.) dyer, xxxv s. v d. & oue*r* þ*at* j salet & sheffe of arrowes; Ric. Barbo*ur* (etc.) smyth; Lewes Davy (etc.) Taillo*ur*; Ric. Clerkson (etc.) sherm*an*; Joh. Wyke (etc.) loksmyth, a bowe; Joh. Smyth (etc.) Taillo*ur*; Joh. Denton (etc.) laborer, Ric. Clement (etc.) peautrer,[4] xxxv s. v d., j salet, j shef arrowes[4]; Will. Banburgh (etc.) purser; Gilb. Mawdeley (etc.) smyth; Hen. Ruyley (etc.) Boche*r*, j bowe

[1] deletions. [2] Query, one of the Prince's council.
[3] stands for "of Co*ventre*" or "de eadem."
[4] ? To Clement or to Banburgh.

& salet [&][1] xxxv s. iiij d.[1]; Joh. Sencler (etc.) sherman, j salet & sheff arrowes; Joh. Tyler (etc.) wiredrawer; Joh. Cannyng (etc.) smyth; Hugh Pedworth (etc.) Glouer; Joh. Sheparde (etc.) Bochur; Joh. Hobson (etc.) plasterer; Joh. Gilmyn (etc.) Dyer; Ric. Dannam (etc.) haburdassher; Rob. Mosse (etc). Taillour; Joh. Coyte (etc.) Taillour, xxxiij s. v d.; Will. Burley (etc.) skynner; Rob. Capper (etc.) Capper; Joh. Butter (etc.) Boclemaker;[2] Will. Smyth (etc.) Coruiser; Joh. Colman (etc.) Coruiser; Ric. Beryton (etc.) weyuer, j salet; Hugh Walker (etc.) welchdraper;[3] Nic. Andrewes (etc.) sadeler; Ric. Smyth (etc.) Coruiser; Rog. Whiston (etc.) kerver; Gil. Brigges j salet; Joh. Thomlynson; Pers Aston of Aston, xxx vs. ix d. & ouer þat a salet & j sheff of arrowes; Hugh White of Worcestre; Will. Whitfeld of Wyllenhale; Rob. Newton of Nuneton, Joh. Preston of Nuneton, j salet; Tho. Key of Rachdale; Rog. Basseford of Assheburn; Joh. Tayllour of þe same; Ric. Colton of Wappenbury; Joh. Gough of þe same; Joh. Hyot of Honyngham; Joh. Colton of þe same; Joh. Walkyngham of Warrewik.

May 21. The following agree that a further sum of £40 should be raised from 180 of the wealthiest men of the city to provide each soldier with 6*s.* 8*d.* apiece in addition to his wages.

[4] Memorandum that these persones folowyng cald by the seid Meire into Seynt Mary Hall þe xxj day of May were agreable & graunted that ouer the seid vij^{xx} li. & odde money afore levyed ther should be xl li. ouer þat gadered & leuyed of ix^{xx} þe most sufficient persones beyng within the wardes of þe cite; that xl li. to be applyed & distributed to euery of þe seid iij^{xx} men ouer their wages vj s. viij d. towardes their horsez, & þe residue for their Jackettes & other chargez incident vnto them etc. And that þe seid ix^{xx} persones shuld be assessed be v Mairs & v shirris, & Maister Recordour to be with them; this concideracion to be taken in their sessyng, that such persones as ware ouercharged in theire wardes at þe[5] vij^{xx} li. etc. aforeseid to be eased nowe, and they þat were there eased to be rered at þis some of xl li. etc. And also hit was there agreed that þe Meire shuld make levye

[1] ? To Ruyley or Sencler. [2] ? botlemaker.
[3] ? Seller of Welsh cloth. [4] leaf 244, back.
[5] "first" deleted.

of þe seid xl li. aft*er* hit was cessed etc., which was don accordyng etc. And aftur be-cause the seid xx iij men went not furth hit was agreed be þe Meire & his Brethern, & be a gret hall þ*er*uppon & for o*þer* matiers as appereth afturwarde*s* calde, that þe seid Meire shuld delyu*er* to eu*er*y of þe seid xx ix p*er*sones there money ayeyn þ*at* they haue paide, and so was don etc. Ric. Colyns, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. Thru*m*pton, Joh. Wilgris, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Onley, Joh. Seman, Rob. Burnell, Will. Shor*e*, Tho. fforde, Hen. Keble,[1] R. Jeke*s*,[1] Joh. Hoton, Will. Horsley, Tho. Bagot, Will. Taillo*ur*, Joh. ffyssher, Hen. Ball, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bailly, Ric. Pulton, Ric. Aleyn, Will. Elys, Will. Crampe, Joh. Dove, Ric. Nores, Will. Hede, Rob. Crosse, Ric. Lee, Tho. Maideford, Will. Roweley, Rob. Baker, Joh. Emmotte*s*, Laur. Saunders, Will. Northampton, Rob. Colman, Joh. Hopkyns, Nic. Broune, Ric. Smyth, Rob. Grene, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Smyth, Joh. Darlyng, Ric. Plu*m*pton, Rob. Steyn, Joh. Bordale, Mores John, Rob. Shawbury, Will. ffoorde, Will. Paynell, Ed. Barbo*ur*, Joh. Gerves, Will. Hardy, Tho. Hadley, Tho. Potell, Tho. Turno*ur*, Tho. Wardelowe, Joh. Baron, Joh. Sissell, Joh. Duddesbury, Hen. Staffordshire.

The money is afterwards returned as the expedition did not take place.

The names of those consulted.

The names of þe sesso*ur*s. Assessors.

Tho. Boteler, rec., Joh. Thru*m*pton,[2] Ric. Braytoft,[2] Joh. Seman,[2] Rob. Only,[2] Rob. Burnell,[2] Will. Horsley,[1] Ric. Aleyn,[1] Joh. Hoton,[1] Joh. ffyssher,[1] Joh. Pulton.[1]

The namez of þe xx ix p*er*sones charged to þe payement of þe xl li., as is aforeseid, hereaft*er* ensuen. The 9 score (really 211) charged with payment.

Gosseford.

	s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.
Joh. Wilgris	3	4	Rob. Steyne	2	6	Tho. Hyde	1	8
Rob. Blebury	10	0	Tho. Grove	1	8	Joh. Smyth	1	8
Joh. Dove	5	0	Tho. Bowyer	1	8	Ric. Plumpton	3	4
Will. Cramp	3	4	Will. Braunch	1	8	Will. fletcher	3	4
Rog. Sutton	3	4	Ed. Hadley	1	8			
Joh. Knyght	3	4	Ric. Tewkesbury	1	8			

[1] Bracketed together as sheriffs. [2] Bracketed together as mayors.

Jurden.

	s.	*d.*		*s.*	*d.*		*s.*	*d.*
Joh. Seman	3	4	Joh. fflynt	5	0	Will. Bromley	1	8
Joh. ffyssher	1	8	Will. Banborough	1	8	Tho. Baron	3	4
Rob. Taberet	5	0	Will. Huet	1	8	Will. Miriell	1	8
Hen. Staffordshir	5	0	Ric. Drake	1	8	Ric. ffoxhale	1	8

Much-*park*-strete.

	s.	*d.*		*s.*	*d.*		*s.*	*d.*
Hen. Boteler	10	0	Rob. Bretford	1	8	Joh. Whitehed	1	8
Ric. Braytoft	6	8[1]	Joh. Bordale	1	8	Will. Thorp	1	8
Rob. Atterton	3	4	Joh. Smyth	1	8	Joh. Pratte	1	8
Ric. Pulton	1	8	Phil. Drap*er*	1	8	Hen. Carter	1	8
Rob. Crosse	3	4	Tho. Walker	3	4			

Earl-strete.

	s.	*d.*		*s.*	*d.*		*s.*	*d.*
Tho. Bradmedowe	10	0	Rob. Baker	6	0	Joh. Dwale	3	4
Joh. Gauge	10	0	Joh. Mathewe	6	0	*Christo*fer Hegley	3	4
Rob. Bradmedowe	1	8	Joh. Duddesbury	5	0	Tho. Woode	3	4
Hen. Kebull	10	0	Ed. Hulcote	6	8[1]	Will. Smyth	1	8
Ric. Coke	10	0	Nic. Hall	3	4	Tho. Bancroft	1	8
Rob. Jek*es*	3	4	Joh. Throughley	3	4	Joh. Davy	1	8
Ric. Aleyn	3	4	Tho. Bonde	3	4	Tho. Hawnell	1	8
Will. Thistilton	3	4	Joh. Haddon	3	4	Tho. ffletcher	1	8
Ric. Nores	3	4	Joh. Shepey	3	4	Joh. Deyster	1	8
Joh. Swan	6	8[1]	Tho. Castell	3	4	Joh. ffyssher	1	8
Ric. Lee	6	8[1]	Ric. Stok*es*	3	4			

Baylly-lane.

	s.	*d.*		*s.*	*d.*		*s.*	*d.*
Joh. Castell	3	4	Rec. Banbroke	1	8	Tho. Saunders	1	8
Tho. Chirchman	6	8[1]	Joh. Burton	1	8	Tho. Pery	1	8
Will. Morley	3	4	Tho. Padland	1	8	Rob. Smyth	5	0
Tho. Pittes	3	4	Ric. Shor*e*	1	8	Hugh Huyton	6	8[1]
Joh. Gryme	3	4	Ric. Lansdale	1	8	Ric. ffynch	1	8
Tho. Bailley	6	8[1]	Rob. Colas	1	8	Joh. Clyff	3	4
Will. Roweley	13	4[2]	Joh. Whitgreve	3	4	Rob. Grene	3	4
Rob. Burnell	13	4[2]	Rafe Wode	1	8	Will. Haddon	1	8
Geff. Arthern	3	4	Joh. Padland	3	4			
Joh. Hony	1	8	Will. Warn*er*	1	8			

Smythford.

	s.	*d.*		*s.*	*d.*		*s.*	*d.*
Joh. Thru*m*pton	3	4	Hen. Heyman	1	8	Davy Chirk	1	8
Ric. Drought	6	8[1]	Will. fflynt	1	8	Tho. Pace[4]	1	8
Will. Taillo*ur*	3	4	Rafe ffreman	1	8	Tho. Plumer	1	8
Rob. Onley	6	8[1]	Ric. Bowyer	3	4	Ric. Bristoll	1	8
Will. ffurde	3	4	Joh. Toty	3	4	Ric. ffletcher	1	8
Humf. Wode	3	4	Hen. Mille	1	8	Tho. (?) Juster	1	8
[3]Will. Halloughton	1	8	Tho. Mowyer	1	8			

[1] A noble in MS. [2] A mark in MS. [3] leaf 245. [4] or Pate.

Brodeȝate.

	s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.
Joh. Ruyton	20	0	Maur. John	1	8	Joh. fforster	1	8
Rob. Topclyff	6	8[1]	Rafe Russell	1	8	Joh. Napton	1	8
Rob. Shawbury	1	8	Will. Wadylove	1	8			

Spon-strete.

	s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.
Will. Horseley	3	4	Tho. Plant	1	8	Jas. Bailly	3	4
Laur. Saunders	6	8[1]	Will. Godelad	3	4	Joh. Heryng	1	8
Joh. Darlyng	1	8	Joh. Emmott*es*	3	4	Joh. Bote, sen.	1	8
Rob. Kirkeland	1	8	Ric. Eu*er*don	3	4	Joh. Mynes	1	8
Joh. Shirwode	1	8	Nic. Slough	1	8	Rob. Beaufitz	1	8
Will. Hudson	6	8[1]	Laur. Beke	3	4	Hen. Hall	1	8
Will. Hopkyns	10	0	Joh. Aleyn	3	4	Joh. Artage	1	8
Will. Paynell	3	4	Joh. Reynold	3	4			
Ed. Barbour	3	4	Rob. Smyth	3	4			

Wel-strete.

	s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.
Ric. Colyns	6	8[1]	Tho. Potell	6	8[1]	Laur. Walg*r*aue	1	8
Th. Hadley	3	4	Joh. Newman	3	4	Joh. Sexten	1	8
Will. Hardy	3	4	Ric. Chapman	5	0	Will. Rose	1	8
Ric. Cokk*es*	1	8	Joh. Gerves	5	0	Tho. Hill	3	4
Joh. Wotton	1	8	Rob. Wode	5	0	Tho. Oures	1	8
Joh. Walsch, Bitter[2]	1	8	Tho. Hyton	1	8	Tho. Bailly	1	8
Joh. Boteler	3	4	Joh. Aman	1	8	Elys Phelippes	1	8
Rog. Brown	1	8	Job. Gybbes	3	4	Joh. Malory	1	8
Will. Rodburn	6	8	Tho. Warde	3	4	Will. Wygston	1	8
Joh. Hoton	1	8	Sim. Scot	3	4			

Crose chepyng.

	s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.
Will. Shor*e*	20	0	Tho. Turno*ur*	6	8[1]	Will. ffyssher	3	4
Will. Marchall	20	0	Joh. Dawes	1	8	Nic. Randell[3]	1	8
Joh. Syssill	6	8[1]	Joh. Pachet	1	8	Ric. Brigeman	1	8
Hen. Marler	10	0	Will. Reynold	1	8	Joh. Baron	6	8[1]
Rob. Colman	10	0	Joh. Deist*er*	3	4	Reynold Race	1	8
Hen. Ball	3	4	Tho. Wardelove	6	8[1]	Rob. ffaire*m*an	1	8
Will. Hede	5	0	Tho. Coup*er*, mercer	3	4	Will. Benyfold	3	4
Will. Elys	6	8[1]	Tho. Kirvyle	1	8	Tho. Bagot	13	4[4]
Ric. Sampson	1	8	Ric. Jakson	3	4	Tho. Grene	1	8
Tho. ffurde	6	8[1]	Will. Pisford	5	0	Joh. Andrewes	1	8
Tho. Maideford	6	0	Rob. Jakson	1	8	Will. Rawlyns	1	8
Will. Bristowe	6	8[1]	Rob. Hardy	3	4			
Hen. Colyns	6	8[1]	Will. Northampton	3	4			

MORE SOLDIERS.

Aftur which g*r*aunt of $\overset{xx}{iij}$ men to be waged for a quart*er* of a ȝer, as is aforeseid, & aft*ur* þe g*r*aunte of þe xl li.

[1] A noble in MS.

[2] = water carrier. *N.E.D.* s.v. bit = a bottle.

[3] Probably of the family of Anne Randull who married Foxe, the martyrologist.

[4] A mark in MS.

Lord Rivers comes to Coventry to know what additional men the city can furnish.

vppon þe p*er*sones aforen*a*med to be rered etc., my lord Ryvers came to Couent*re* & send for the Meir*e* & his Brethern to come to hym to the Crowne, and there desired to knowe in þe behalf of my lorde prynce what able p*er*sones & howe many the Towne myght spare ou*er* þe seid xx iij men to goo with hym in þ*a*t vyage at þe wag*es* of my lorde p*r*ince, there desyryng to haue grete nombr*e* of þe most sufficient p*er*sones in þe Cite beyng eny archer. And theruppon desired them to co*m*ien togeder & to acertayn[1] my lorde prince in þ*a*t behalf etc. Vppon which co*mmun*icac*i*on sone aftur was delyu*er*ed a lettr*e* fro my lorde prince conc*er*nyng the same. Wherof the tenur*e* here ensueth :—

June 11.

By the Prince.

"Men to be prepared to serve the king in his wars."

Ryght trusty & wele-beloued, we grete you wyll; and where-as vppon suche co*mmun*icac*i*on and moc*i*on as our*e* right dere & entierly wel-beloued vncle & Gou*er*noure, Therl Ryu*er*s, entred with you yn at his last beyng there with you touchyng the furnysshyng be you of as many likly[2] & able men, sufficiently horsed, hernessed & arayed, for the werr*e*, as ye coude make oute of that Cite to serve my moste dradde[2] lorde & ffadir in this his vyage into Scotland at his wag*es*, wherin ye shewed yewe ryght benyvolent and towardly disposed, like as be report of our*e* saide vncle in that behalf we haue well vndirstand; we desir*e* & pray you in our right herty wyse that in accomplisshyng therof ye woll the rather at this our*e* speciall request & instance, consideryng as well the goode s*er*uice that ye shull mowe therby doo vnto my seid lorde, as the gret & singler pleasur*e* that ye shall therin do vnto vs, see that the seid p*er*sones so be you to be tried oute & chosen be suche as my seid lorde may be well assured of to be aboute his p*er*sone for his safe-garde & defense the tyme of the seid iourney. And that ye woll do this our*e* entente & pleasur*e* to be shewed to þe open knolech of all our s*er*uau*n*t*es* & tennau*n*t*es* amongs yewe to ioyne with the seid p*er*sones so that they be redy & furth-comyng vpon

The prince requests that the soldiers may be fit for the king's bodyguard on the expedition.

[1] = to inform. [2] deletions.

a day warnyng. And Richard Smyth, draper, there shall delyuer yewe jakettes & conysauncez of our lyuere according. Praying yewe to acertayn vs in writyng from yewe with all the diligence ye can of the names of all the seid persones, and that they be of such a goode nombre as may accorde with the worship of that Cite, which we gretly desire. Wherin ye shall deserve of my saide lorde such thanke as shall therby cause his highnesse to take you and them in the nygher remembraunce of his goode grace. And in such thinges as may concerne the wele of you or of þat Citee at all tymes hereaftur ye shall fynde vs the more speciall goode lorde vnto yewe, & haue you the more recommended in oure tendre fauour. Yeuen vnder oure signet at þe castell of Ludlowe, the xj day of Juyn.

Jackets and cognisances furnished by Ric. Smith.

"Note."

At Ludlow.

To oure right trusty & wele-beloued the Maire & his Brethern of þe Cite of Couentre.

Vppon which desire be my lord Ryvers & þe forseid writyng, the Maire callyng to hym his Counceill made dyuers assemblez & metynges at Seynt Marie hall for communicacion to be had in þe premissez. Wheruppon diuers & many were appoynted to hau gon in euery warde of sufficient persones. Wheruppon gret gruge was taken; which to appeyse & to take a conuenient measne in the premissez the Maire let[1] call[1] a gret[2] people to seynt Mary hall as appereth afterwardes:—

The mayor and council

appoint divers in every ward, but as discontent arises the mayor calls a great hall together.

[3]Hen. Boteler, Joh. Thrumpton, Tho. Bradmedowe, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Seman, Rob. Atterton, Will. Shore, Will. Taillour, Will. Marchall, Hen. Kebull, Rob. Jekes, Will. Elys, Ric. Aleyn, Hen. Marler, Joh. ffyssher, Geff. Arthern, Ric. Pulton, Ric. Nores, Ric. Drought, Ric. Smyth, Tho. Maydeford, Ric. Euerdon, Ric. Cope, Hen. Ball, Joh. Hoton, Tho. Bailly, Will. Thistulton, Tho. Bagot, Tho. Gryme, Nic. Broune, Ric. Lee, Joh. Castell, Joh. Swan, Joh. Emmotes, Will. Hopkyns, Joh. Dovue, Rob. Colman, Tho. Churcheman, Will. Cramp, Will. Rowley.

Names of those assembled,

[1] deletions. [2] "hall" deleted.
[3] leaf 245, back.

All which persones, *with* all tho þat were[1] named able in euery warde to go in this viage *with* many other there

who agree

beyng agreed & graunted that ouer the iij^{xx} sowdyers afore

to the provision of 40 more soldiers to make 100 in all,

graunted to the kyng, & ouer the xl li. levyed be ix^{xx} persones as a-fore etc., there shuld be xl sowdyers mo waged for a quarter of þe town[2] wages to make vp a C men to wayte vppon the kyng in þis viage etc.; & they to be harnessed by the wardys & money for their wages also gedred in the wardes, to be levyed & gedred in the maner & forme as sueth, that is to sey, euery warde to be sessed how many sowdyers euery ward shuld be charged *with*; & therupon the money to be gedered be such persones as þe alderman of euery ward will assign; & liuere to be made therof to the sowdyers assigned be euery such ward & þe alderman of euery warde to bryng ffurth his sowdyers when they schal-be called vppon etc. And furth*with* the Maire callyng to hym xxiiij^{ti} of þe forenamed persones went into the Councell house & there cessed the wardes as foloweth :—

their expenses

to be paid by every ward of persons assessed by the aldermen.

Assessment of the wards.

Gosford-strete ij men & di*midium;*[3] Jurden-well ij men; Mikel-park-strete iiij men; Erle-strete vj men; Baylly-lane iiij men; Brodeyate ij men; Smythford iiij men; Spon-strete v men; Croschepyng vij men; Wel-strete iij men & di*midium*.

Vppon which agrement & graunt, as is aforeseid, had & made the Maire & his Brethern made perof relacion to my lord Ryvers accordyng as hereaftur sueth :—

June 14. Letter of the mayor and his brethren

Ryght myghty, full honorable and our speciall goode lorde; aftur humble & due recommendacion to your goode lordship, please your goode lordship to knowe that this day we haue resceyved the full honorable lettrez of oure gracious lorde, þe Prince, expressyng amonges oþer the communicacion of your goode lordship here with vs. Sith which your aduertisement & sadde Conceill vttered vnto vs touchyng the nombre of persones entended be the kynges highnes to be had here to attend be his high commaundement in this his viage roiall vppon oure seid gracious lorde, þe Prince, or where his highnes please to

[1] deletions. [2] ? read "a yere." [3] a half.

com*m*aund, we as true lieges to oure seid liege lorde & true tena*un*tes to oure seid noble lorde, þe prince, haue endevored vs to encrese the nombre of $\overset{xx}{iij}$ p*er*sones be vs first g*r*aunted, so that be the help of God we entend to have redy in all hast a C men, goode archers, defencibly arrayed, waged atte Coste*s* of þis Cite for a quart*er* of a yere, whech, safe for brifnes of tyme, shuld have ben redy to have mustred afore the lorde Lysle [1] & othere Gentilmen here beyng ȝister*day*. And, oure good lorde, hit is so that what of oure neyghbo*ur*s of þis Cite hauyng þe honorable clothyng [2] of our seid noble lorde, the prince, com*m*aunded to p*re*pare hem furth, and other reteyned with lordez & other Gentils, a grete nombre of people entend to dep*ar*te oute of þis Cite, and as-to reteign for oure seid sou*er*aign lorde eny p*er*sones hider resortyng, & to vs vnknowen, they not beyng sufficiently harnessed, we therin dought þe pleasure of oure saide sou*er*aign lorde. And, gode lorde, as to certefye the names of p*er*sones be vs reteyned aft*ur* the high com*m*aundeme*n*t of our seid full noble lorde, þe prince, hit shal-be don w*ith* als efectuell diligence as we may goodely redy vs therin. Besechyng yo*ur* goode lordeship to be goode measne to the hyghnesse of our seid sou*er*aign lorde, and oure full goode & gracious lorde, the prince, to repute & take vs, his pore tena*un*te*s*, as we feythfully entende; and that they be to vs goode & gracious lord*es*, & ffauorable as theire noble p*ro*genito*ur*s of blest memorye in tyme past haue ben. And howe this oure doyng may please oure seide lorde, þe Prince, & his full honorable Counceill, and be what day þe p*er*sones reteyned shall depart, that yo*ur* seid goode lordeship please to notifie to vs yo*ur* ser*u*a*un*te*s*. And we accordyng to oure trouth & duete dayly prayen to God for þe Con-ser*u*ac*i*on of þe high astatez of oure seid sou*er*aign lorde, and oure seid noble lorde þe prince, & for þe p*ro*sper*i*te of yewe oure full honorable & speciall goode lorde. Wreton at Couentr*e* in hast þe xiiij day of Juyn.

excusing themselves that time has not allowed them to muster the men,

nor to give in the names of recruits,

and professing great loyalty and devotion.

Coventry.

Yo*ur* humble ser*u*a*un*tez the Maire of Couentr*e* & his Brethern.

[1] Edw. Grey. [2] livery.

Which lettre Ric. Wilgrice bere to þe lorde Ryvers & brought answere as foloweth:—

June 14.

[1] *By the Prince.*

A courteous acknowledgment from the prince,

Right trusty & wele-beloued, we grete you wele; and where-as oure right entierly wele-beloued vncle therle Ryviers, our Gouernour, hath shewed vnto vs and other of oure Counceill here a lettre vnto hym from you directed, by þe which we vnderstand youre feithfull, true hertes & diligent acquitell shewed at þis tyme to our singler pleasure for thassistence of my most dradde lorde & ffadirs roiall ioureney into Scotland; and howe ye haue encresed the nombre of persones by you first graunted, so at[2] ye entende to arredy a C men, goode archours, defencibly arraied, waged atte Costes of þe Cite for a quarter of a yere. Wherin ye may be suer to deserue of my seid lorde & ffadre right especiall thank, and to stand the more tenderly in þe speciall fauour of his goode grace; assertenyng you that we shal-be your verray speciall goode lorde and the more diligently further & help eny matier or cause that may be to þe honour, wele & profite of þe seid Cite. Yeuen vnder our signet at þe castell of Ludlowe þe xiiij day of Juyn.

concerning "An C archers"

from Ludlow.

To *our* right trusty & wele-beloued þe Maire & his Brethern of þe Cite of Couentre.

The men are kept against the summons,

at great trouble and cost,

After which writyng, & long afore, þe Maire & his Counceill dayly attended to prepare the seid sowdiours ayenst þe day of day warnyng, which was vncerteyn, to þe grete troble, coste & charge of þe seid Maire & his Brethern to kepe them togeder; for diuers that were reteyned were straungers, for whos Burdyng & table was gedered wekely of euery Meire vj d., of euery shirrif iiij d. & of euery warden & chaumberleyn ij d. And this contynued þe most parte fro þe iiijth day of Juyn vnto Lamasse nygh þeruppon that they were discharged be writyng fro my lord prince as foloweth.

and finally discharged.

[1] leaf 246. [2] = that.

By the Prince.

July 10.

The men are not now required, but are to be kept in readiness.

Trusty & wele-beloued, we grete you wele, and thank you hartely for your diligent acquitail & the gret charge ye haue had in preparyng & makyng redy of men to come furth in oure retynewe & do my most dradde lorde & ffadir seruice at þis tyme. And al-be-it that for certen concideracions movyng his grace it hath nowe pleased þe same to commaunde vs to respite & spare for a season of callyng furth oure seid retynue, yet he will that we kepe still þe same retynue in a-redynesse. Wherefore we woll þat accordyng to his entent in that behalf ye se þat all such men as ye haue appoynted to do the seid seruice be redy & so kept styll vnto such as ye shall ferther vnderstand of my seid lord & ffadires pleasure therin, app[l]ying youre-self effectually to þe accomplisshement herof the rather at this our speciall instance, wherin ye shall not only deserue gret thank of my seid lorde & ffadir, but also cause vs alweyes here-aftur to haue you in the more tendre fauour of our grace. Wreten vnder our signet at þe Castell of Ludlowe þe x^th^ day of July.

From Ludlow.

BRISCOWE AGAIN.

Aug. 1.

"Comotion About a Lamas medow at Whitley"

Memorandum that on Lammas day Ric. Nores & Ric. Drought, Chamberleyns, etc., accordyng þe olde Custome of þis Cite etc., riden to open the comien feldes etc. And when they came to Whitley to a medowe there be the watir-side, Will. Briscowe stode there & denyed the seid Chamberleyns to haue eny comien in þat medowe, seying that yf they breke vp eny gappe there, he wold sue them as lawe wolde etc. Wheruppon þe seid Chamberleyns restreyned to cast down eny gappe there tyll they had spoken with þe Meire etc. Wheruppon the Maire hauyng knowlech cald his brethern to-gader etc., amonges whom hit was thought goode that the newe Priour were spoken with, whether he wolde take parte with Briscowe as his predecessour did or not etc. And þeruppon the Recordour, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Onley, & Joh. Symondes late Maire etc. went to Newland[1] to þe priour to comien with hym

[1] To the north of the city, *v.* p. 15. See above, p. 443 *sqq.* for he prior's action.

in that behalf etc. and there the priour seid certenly that he no parte wolde take with þe seid Briscowe as ayenst the Towne in no wyse etc. Wheruppon be the advice of þe Maire & his Counceill the styward was sent to Ludlowe to my lorde Prince with writyng lettyng his goode grace haue knowlech howe that Briscowe had broken the appoyntement made afore-tyme in þe premisses afore his highnes etc. And theruppon my lorde Prince direct his lettrez as-well to the seid Maire as to Will. Briscowe, commaundyng þe seid Maire to send on of his Counceill, and the seid William to come in his owne persone to Worcestre in þe fest of þe Assumpcion of our Lady then next folowyng etc.

referred to the prince.

A day, viz. Aug. 15,

Wheruppon the Recordour, þe Styward, Ric. Nores, on of þe Chamberleyns, & Rob. Grene, on of the wardeyns, were assigned to ryde to Worcestre; and there they kept theire day at Worcestre, both parties etc. At which day hit was there condescended[1] be the lordes of þe Counceill that neyther the Towne nor Briscowe shuld occupie the seid medowe till þe comyng of my lorde Prince to Couentre. At which tyme the Counceill of both parties there shuld mete, & there the title to be examyned be ij persones there chosen afore þe lordez, þat is to sey, for the Towne J. ffynyowes[2] beyng there, on of my lorde princes lerned Counceill, and Will Catesby[3] for Briscowe etc. And at þe comyng to Couentre of my lorde prince, þat is to seye, in þe vigill of seynt Barth[olomew] next folowyng etc., the seid Briscowe had not his man of Counceill, Catesby, redy accordyng his promesse etc. Wherfore hit was there condescended be the lordes of þe Counceill that þe seid ffynyowes shuld indifferently see the Evidences a-both sides; & so did accordyng etc. Vppon which syght hit was thought necessarye that the grownde in variaunce were seen etc.

appointed where the matter is discussed at Worcester before the prince's Council;

legal council appointed for both parties, and Aug. 23 the prince comes to Coventry.

Aug. 25. [4]Wheruppon on þe morowe of þe fest of seynt Barth[olomew] the Bysshop of Worcestre,[5] the Erle

[1] = agreed.
[2] Probably (later) Sir John Fyneux (? 1441–1526), a Kentish worthy and judge. v. *Dict. Nat. Biog.*
[3] See above, p. 380.
[4] leaf 246, back.
[5] Joh. Alcock.

Ryvers, the Baron of Dudley,[1] Joh. Hugford,[2] & Will. Lucy[3] & many other Gentils of Warr[wik]shire Riden to the grounde *with* many of þe Cite to see hit. And there þe said lord*es* hard many olde men of the Cite speke howe the co*m*ien had there be vsed in their fadirs dayes and theirs till int*er*upc*i*on was made by þe ffadir of þe seid Briscowe & be hym-self etc. Vppon which syght the lord*es* toke this ordre that the Town shuld occupye there co*m*ien there accordyng their rightfull vse and claym vnto þe fest of All Seynt*es* then next folowyng; and that Briscowe be that tyme shuld no otherwyse depasture there, but as a Co*m*iener of Couentre; and that the measne season the seid p*ar*ties shuld labo*ur* þe seid ffynyowes & Catesby to come to Couentre and to se be delib*er*ac*i*on the Evidence*s* of both p*ar*ties & to vndirstand the right in that behalf. And they theruppon to make relac*i*on in þ*at* behalf to my lord prince & his Counceill, þ*at* he þ*er*uppon myght take finiall yende þerin vndir his gret seall to be engrossed eu*er* to indure etc.

Divers lords and gentlemen

give a verdict in favour of the use of the meadow by the commonalty until Nov. 1;

and meanwhile Fineux and Catesby are to examine the evidence.

THE RIOT.

Wheruppon the lord*es* departed; and aftur theire dep*ar*ture dyu*er*s evell-disposed p*er*sones in gret nombre of theire frowardnesse went to the seid grounde & there cast down hegg*es* & dikes & were evel disposed: which to appese the Recordo*ur* went to them to the Grounde & to[4] commaunded the*m* to go to theire warke & to leve of theire frowardnesse: wheruppon they so did except on cald Joh. Tyler, which at þ*at* tyme gaffe to the seid Recordo*ur* froward & vnfyttyng langage etc. Wherfore he was com*m*ytte be þe Maire to warde etc.

But "A Ryott" takes place,

which is appeased by the recorder, one Tyler being committed to ward.

And theruppon diu*er*s riottous p*er*sones Rang the co*m*ien Bell in festo Decollac*i*onis S. Joh. Bap*ti*ste to thentent to haue gadered all þe evell-disposed p*er*sonez of þe Cite to-geder etc.: be which ryngyng many evell-disposed ryson & came to þe kyng*es* Gaole & there wold haue puld oute þe seid Joh. Tyler oute of prison etc. Neu*er*thelesse, loued[5] be God, the Meire & dyu*er*s of his Brethern came

Nevertheless on the Decollation of S. John Baptist (Aug. 29). there is renewed rioting, and an attempt to rescue Tyler;

[1] Joh. Sutton, 5th baron. [2] Of Emscote. [3] Of Charlecote.
[4] Anticipation of third following word. [5] = praised.

amonges them & sessed them etc. And the seid Joh. Tyler was delyuered vnder suertie for that tyme etc. And vppon the morowe the Mayre, be þe advice of his Councell, let make a hall to haue aduice & assent for punysshement of þe seid Riot. At which tyme was there condescended þat per shuld be a sessions sette for þe punysshement þerof, & þat þe shirrifs þe measne season shuld bryng into þe Gaole such as then were named open offendours in þe premissez etc. And so was don. At which sessions were dyuers indited of Ryot & of ffelonye, as appereth in þe seid sessions, & many of þem brought to warde for that Cause etc. And after þat appoyntement & before þe sessions holdon ther came writyng fro þe kyng to þe Mair etc. as sueth :—

the rioters are to be punished at a sessions, but before these are

held comes

By the kyng.

on Sept. 2, "A letter from the King to punish the Rioters."

Trusty and wel-belouid, we grete you well; latyng you wete that by such persones as of late past towardes vs thorough our Cite of Couentre we ben enformed of a grette Ryotte and insurrexcion of our subgiettes made within the same, which we take to merveyle and grete displesure, acerteynyng you that we ne will suffur it to passe vnpunnysshed, if it so be. Werfore we will and streitly charge you that without delay vpon the seight of thise ye endevour you to enquere therof accordyng with our lawe and statutes ordeigned in that be-halue; and furthwith therupon to geve knowlege vnto our derrest son the prynce, and certyfie the same vnto our Justices in our benche at our pales of Westm[ynstre] to thentent such lawfull punysshement and correccion may be therin had as shal-be dredefull example to all other like offendres hereafter. And that ye ne faile herof as ye will advoyde our high displesur, and entende to enioye the fraunches & liberties of our seid Citie. Yeven under oure signet at oure monastery of Reding the ijd day of Septembre.

The prince is to be informed of the riot.

To our trusty and wil-beloud the Mair,
Recordour & other his brethern of
oure Citie of Couentre.

By the Prince. Sept. 4.

Trusty and wil-belouid, we grete you well. And of your godly demeanyng vnto vs at our last beyng *with* you we hertly thank you. And so hit is þis day we haue resceyved *our* trusty & wele-beloued Joh. Isham, *seruaunt* vnto my moste dere lady & Mader, þe Quene, sent vnto [us] from my most dradde lord & ffadir, þe kyng; and by his report fro my seid lorde & ffadir we haue vnderstanden *þat þer* shuld be *with* yewe sithen *our* dep*ar*tyng a gret riot com*m*ytted & doon, cont*r*ary to such direcc*i*ons as we, be þe aduise of *our* Counceill, toke among*es* yewe before *our* dep*ar*tyng þense; which yf it so be, we haue gret cause of displeasure ayenst them *þat* so haue attempted þe seid riot to þe brech of my seid lord & ffadir*es* lawes & peas. Wherfore we send vnto you at þis tyme þe seid John, berer herof, to acertain you as-well of my seid lorde & ffadirs mynde in þis matier, as of our*e* opynyon in þe same; willyng yewe to gife credence vnto hym in *þat* behalf, and *with* all diligens to certefye vs what ye haue & will do in þe p*re*missez, as we trust youe. Yeuen vnder *our* signet at Burford þe iiijth day of Septembr*e*. From Burford.

"from the prince in the same busines."

To our trusty & wele-beloued þe Maire,
Record*our* and other his Brethern
of þe Cite of Couentr*e*.

Wheruppon þe styward was sent to Wodstok *with* writyng fro þe Maire & his Brethern to þe prince & þe Erle Ryu*er*s with a t*r*anscript of þe sessions *þat* was holde vppon þe riot aforseid etc., accordyng þe com*m*aunde*mentes* aforesaid; a t*r*anscript of which lettr*e* hereaftur ensueth:—

The steward is sent to the prince

[1] ffull hight (*sic*) & myghty Prynce, & our*e* full good & gracious lorde, after all humble & due Recomendacion to yo*ur* high & noble astate, Please your highnes to knowe *þat* accordyng to the hight comaundementz of the most famous & *Chris*tien Prynce, our*e* most dradde liege lord, the kyng yo*ur* ffader, & yours, to subdue such p*er*sonez as here late offended; diu*er*se of which p*er*sonez be nowe late indyted of ryott & trasspas, and diu*er*se ben fledde

with the "Mayor's Answer,"

[1] leaf 247. Another scribe of similar type.

out of the Citie to partes vnknowen; and som of the personez endited remaygnen in prison till we haue your gracious aduertisement and pleasir what shal-be theire punnysshement. And to assertengn (*sic*) your highnes & the full noble lordes of your discrete counceyle of the matiers presented upon hem in certeyn we haue sent the berer herof to expresse & shewe the mater on our behalf at large: Besechyng your highnesse to be good & gracious measne to the highnes & good grace of our seid liege lorde that, his highnes vnoffended, we here, accordyng to the liberteez & ffraunchises of this Citie, the same presentmentez not hens to be remoued, may procede amonges our-self to the determinacion therin ayenest the offenders in that partie accordyng to the lawes of oure seid liege lorde & to punnysshe here the same offendours after theire demerit; be concideracion, gracious prynce, that the comien peopull here in gret noumbre thynken that all the defalt is caused be Will. Briscowe, which at[1] your last beyng here refused to a-byde touchyng theire comien the laude & decre of youre highnes. And howe-be-hit he named a lerned man to haue comen hider for hym in short tyme he hath kept not promyse; and broken also his promesse þat he shold in all hast remoued (*sic*) the bestes of estraunge personez occupeyng in his name the same comein, & did not so. And other trowbull of grete malice sithen hath don, so that grete part of the people vnderstanden þat be his longe defferynges, cautels, vexacions & troubles, he wold neuer haue conclucion, but fynde measne of trouble & vexacion to hurt & disheryte the pore comiens here of their rightfull comen, which he wolde do, savyng only your myghty aide, relief & socoure full godly & graciously dayly is shewed to vs, your tenauntez, for the which we all here ben your humble, true bedemen to our Lorde God, who for his most blessed mercy euer preserue you, ffull noble, myghty, & gracious prynce in honoure from aduersite. Writtyn at Couentre in the fest of þe Exaltacion of the Holy-crosse.

beseeching the prince

to intercede with the king for them that the offenders may be tried in the city.

The mayor lays the fault at Briscowe's door;

for he will not keep his promises about the common.

Coventry, Sept. 14.

[1] "att" repeated in MS.

Your humble true tenauntz & bedemen, the Maire of Couentre & his bredern.

To the right high & myghty prynce Prince Edward, first begoton son to the kyng, our all liege lord, Prince of Walys, Duke of Cornewayle & Erle of Chestur.

Letters from the prince

Vppon which writyng delyuered etc. þe seid styward brought wrytyng fro my lorde prince wherof a transcript hereafter ensueth :—And the same tyme was sent fro the kyng to þe Maire & shirffes a seriant of armez to with writyng to arrest Ric. Shawe & David Grennowe[1] etc. þe transcript of which writyng hereafter also ensueth :—

and the king.

By the Prince.

"The prince his Answer."

Wel-belouid, we grete you well, lettyng you wete that we haue recevid from you a certificat of the sessions late holden with you for the punnysshement of certen Riotes & offences there don; wherby & be your farther desir in that behalue we vnderstand the zele & loue ye haue vnto vs & our seid Citie; wherin ye haue do vs a singuler pleasir. And accordyng your desire we trustyng that ye, beyng of oon will, will sadly endevour you to se the vttre punnysshement of the premissez in discoraging all oþer like offendours, nott comprised in the letters of my seid lorde & fadre, ye shall procede in the determinacion of theim within yourself accordyng the lawe & ffraunchise of oure saide Citie.[1] And in eschewyng eny like offence hereafter casuelly to fall, we will, & in my said lorde & fadres name straitly charge you, that in-continent[2] vppon the sight of thees our lettres ye lett call afore you all the housholders of the said Citie beyng of enny substance chargyng them that they nor eny of theim hold, take nor her-after resceive anny seruaunt in-to theire seruice but such as thei will answere for theire actes & dedez; and þat all vacabundes & Idell persones within the seid Citie, nowe then beyng or here-after to be, refusyng to goo to occupacion, be compelled to fynd sufficient suerte of theire good aberyng

He is willing that all offenders not named by the king should be amenable to local jurisdiction.

Masters to answer for their

servants' deeds; vagabonds and idle persons to find surety for good behaviour.

[1] Shawe and Gronowe were sent to the king.
[2] "ly" deleted.

here-after, or elles to avoyde the Citie forthwith. And yf eny persone refuse to do accordyng to the premisses that ye incontinent certefie vs of his name & his demeasne, nott faillyng herof in eny wise as ye entende to please vs. Yeven vnder oure Signet the xv day of September.

To our trusty and wel-belouid the Maire & his Brethern of the Citie of Couentre and to euerych of theim.

Sept. 11.

[1] *By the kyng.*

Shawe and Gronowe to be arrested and sent to the king.

Trusty & wel-belouid, we grete you wele, and for-asmuch as we at this tyme send our seruaunt this berer to attach Ric. Shawe & Dauid Gronowe and them to bryng vnto vs, we desire and also will you that vnto oure seid seruaunt in thexecucion of oure commaundement in that behalue ye yeue your aid & assistence as our trust is in you and as ye intende to please vs. Yeven vnder our signet at our manour of Woodestoke the xj day of September.

From Woodstock.

To our trusty & wil-belouid the Mair and Shirrefes of our Citie of Couentre.

R. Shaw is arrested

[2] Accordyng which writyng etc. Ric. Shawe was arrested be þe seriaunt of armes þat brought þe writyng & caried vp to Wodstok vnto þe kyng, & Joh. Ryngold, Gaoler,[3] went vp with þe seid seriaunt & prisoner etc.; and there þe seid Shawe was delyuered to my lord Ryuers be þe kynges goode grace to be punysshed etc. & þeruppon he was sent vnto Ludlowe & ther he was in warde fro þat tyme vnto þe fest of Estur þen next suyng etc. And þe seid Dauid Grenno withdrewe hym-self at þat tyme that Shawe was arested etc. But aftur he went to Ludlowe hym-self etc. & there he was commytte to warde in lyke wyse with Shawe vnto þe seid fest of Estur, etc. At which fest of Estur they were sent to Couentre to þe Maire etc. they there afore him to fynde suerte of theire goode beryng for euer; & so was don as

and sent to Ludlow, where he remains until Easter 1482. Gronowe has fled, but he gives himself up, and shares Shaw's imprisonment.

[1] leaf 247, back. [2] Another scribe.
[3] No doubt as a sign that the prisoner was within the city's jurisdiction.

appereth in the boke of reconysaunces, etc. & also in þe next Meires dayes etc.

"Reconisaunce taken" from them.

By the kyng.

Trusty & wele-beloued, we gret yewe wele, lating yewe wete how it is shewed vnto vs that notwithstandyng ye accordyng to the commaundement of oure derrest sone, the Prince, and of his Counceill haue of late endeuored you to þe punysshement of certain evell disposed persones makyng contrarie to oure pease & lawes diuers conuenticles & confederacies nowe of late in our Citie of Couentre, yet it is so that be-cause they be not sufficiently punysshed as they of right ought to be for their seid offencez they contynnue in their seid evell disposicions; and diuers of yewe in maner supposyng them to be supported and fauored be persones hauyng rule in oure seid Cite doubten to procede to theire ferther punycion as apperteyneth. Wherfore we straitly charge[1] and commaunde you that ye, vtterly settyng aparte all percyalite, drede or fauour of eny persone whatsoeuer he be, from hensfurth put yewe in your vttermost deuoir to punysh & correct all maner of suche trespassours there contrarie to oure lawes accordyng to their demerites without eny ffauour to be shewed vnto them, seing in all wyse oure pease & goode rules be there wele & truly kept as ferfurth as in you is. And yf eny persone what-so-euer he be woll resiste youe therin that ye then certefye vs of his name & demeasnyng, and we shall prouide for his sharp punycion in such lawefull wyse as all other haue cause to be ware by the same. Yeven vnder our signet at our Towre of London þe xij day of Apryll.[2]

April 12 (?) 1481 or 1482.

The king urges the punishment of offenders

without partiality.

To our trusty & wele-beloued þe Meire of our Cite of Couentre, & other our Justices of our pease there, & to þe aldermen of þe seid Citie & euery of them.

[1] deletion.

[2] On account of the uncertainty of the date I have disregarded chronology as far as this year is concerned, not changing the position this letter occupies in the MS. The Privy Seals show that Edward was at the Tower about this part of the year; but it is very possible that this letter should be inserted after the prince's letter of Mar. 20 the following year; *v.* p. 504.

BRISCOWE'S SUIT.

Sept. 29.

By the Prince.

Thanks for the city's conduct in judging the offenders.

Ryght trusty & wele-beloued, we gret you wele, and where ye haue writen vnto oure right entierly wele-beloued vncle, therle Ryvers oure Gouernoure, wherby it appereth that ye haue examyned the demeanaunce of diuers personesaccordyng to his aduertisement and ferther dalt[1] to the expedicion of the same & other thynges for the Comien wele of the Citie of Couentre accordyng to my most dradde lord & fadres lawes as by youre seid writyng more pleinly is showed, we can yewe therfore right hertly thankes & will that ye holly so procede, & be of on opynyon, knowyng for undouted it is my said lordes pleasure ye so do, wherin ye shall haue oure assistence not only in this but in all lawefall thynges concernyng the wele of the forseid Cite. And to enstructe yewe ferther of oure pleasure & entent therin we send you oure right trusty and wele-beloued Counceillour, Joh. ffyneux, to whom we woll ye geve credence. Yeven vndre oure signet at the Castell of Ludlowe the xxix day of Septembre.

John Fineux will give further information.

From Ludlow.

To our right trusty & wele-beloued þe Meire & aldermen of þe Cite of Couentre.

Oct. 8.

"Difference, still about Bristowe's[2] ground."

Memorandum that accordyng þe appoyntement aforeseid ffyneux & Catesby metten at Couentre the viij day of Octobre, theire be delyberacion the sigh & examyned the Evydences as-well of þe parte of þe Towne as of Briscowe indifferently, & also the grounde in variaunce etc. Vpon which syght the concluded that they wold to London & there they wold shewe theire demeasnaunce & conceyte in þe premissez to þe lordes of my lordes Prynce Counceill, wyllyng that þe Recorder & such as þe Meire & his Counceill thought conuenient for þe partie of þe Town shuld be at London crastino Animarum, & also Briscowe for his parte there to here & resceyue at þat tyme such as þe seid lordez wold determyne in þat behalf, etc. Wher-uppon the Recordour, Joh. Wilgrise then beyng Maistir

The matter is to be decided in London

on the morrow of All Souls, Nov. 3.

The recorder and others

[1] = proceeded. [2] ? Spelling. "Bryskow" on p. 349.

[1] of the Trinite Gyld, and Joh. Boteler, Town clerk, were appoynted to go to London for þe *par*tie of þe Towne, and so didden. They ridden fro Couentre in festo *Anima*rum & there were at London be þe space of v wok*es*, nygh at which tyme the matier was newly broke*n* before all þe lord*es* of my lord*es* Prince*s* Counceill, & þe Evidence*s* on both p*ar*ties newly shewed. Neu*er*thelesse det*er*mynac*i*on in þe p*re*misses was non taken, caused only be the wilfulnesse of Briscowe, which in no wyse wold be agreable otherwyse but þ*at* þe Co*m*ien lawe of þe lande shuld det*er*myn þe matier betwixt them. Of whos wylfulnesse the kynge*s* goode grace þen beyng at Southampton hauyng knowelech let send for both p*ar*ties to come to his highnes theder & so was doon etc. Afore whos highnes þe seid Bryscowe, contynuyng in his seid wilfulnesse, besought þe kyng þ*at* he myght have his lawes & otherwyse he wold not be disposed in þe p*re*missez. Wheruppon the kyng there p*er*ceyvyng þe wilfulnes of þe seid Briscowe, þ*at* he had rather take conclusion in þe p*re*missez be þe co*m*ien law then be compromyse,[2] etc., denyed hym not there his lawes, but remytte him therto; seyng ferther to þe seid Recorder & other there beyng for þe p*ar*tie of þe Cite not for to fere þe troble of þe seid Briscowe, for they shold haue his fauo*ur* in their right; and that the measne season they shuld contynue their rightfull possession in the seid grounde etc.; com*m*aundyng his attorney[3] there beyng p*re*sent that at all tymez where the seid Cite hath to do in eny of his court*es* for attaynyng of their right in þe p*re*missez that he shuld be to theym aydyng, helpyng, & ffauoryng etc. & accordyng direct his l*ett*rez of p*ri*ue sygnet to þe Mair etc., and also my lord prince in like wyse, etc., as foloweth :—

go to London,

where owing to Briscowe's persistency in appealing to the common law no conclusion can be arrived at;

at Southampton

"Briscowe Refused to Refer the busines to the king,"

who, however, assures the town of his continued help and favour in this matter.

By the Kyng.

Dec. 7.

Trusty & wele-beloued, we grete you wele; and whereas we vndirstand that vppon clayme made be you þe Com*m*ons of o*ur* Cithe there, vnto a Com*m*on and diu*er*s

"The King Aloweth the Comoners to injoy the said ground

[1] leaf 248.

[2] These matters of boundaries of common lands were usually decided outside law-courts.

[3] = Attorney General.

till the Right theroff be decided."

other p*ro*fite*s* vnder certain fo*ur*me to be had in a p*ar*cell of grounde lying on the south p*ar*tie of the same o*ur* Citie betwixt a feld called Barons-feld & the water of Shirburn adioynyng vnto a grounde named Whitley which on Will. Briscowe holdeth claymyng certain p*ar*celle*s* of the grounde so lying on the seid south p*ar*tie ou*er* þe seid water towarde*s* our saide Cite to be of þe seid grounde of Whitley, there hath long season depended variance & contrau*er*sie betwixt you, the seid Com*m*ons, on that on p*ar*tie and the seid Will*i*am & Edward his Brother on þ*at* other p*ar*tie; ffor thappeisyng wherof þe Counseill of oure derrest son, the prince, hath hertofore be goode delib*er*ac*i*on examyned the matier therof so ferforth that they entended to haue sette a ffynal direcc*i*on and ende amonge*s* you & them in þe same; and at oure seid sones charge to haue yeven decree therin for the parte of you, the seid Com*m*ons; wherunto the seid Will*i*am & Edward in noo wyse wolde agree, but desired to haue þe seid matier det*er*myned aft*er* the Cours of o*ur* lawes. Wheruppon for þe ease & rest of you, the seid Com*m*ons, we of late called the seid matier afore vs & oure Counceill purposyng vtterly to haue appesed the seid variance in eschewyng of the ferther labo*ur*, cost & charge that therby myght ensue hereaftur, and we fynde them therunto in no wyse towardly disposed, but to make theire suyte therfore aft*ur* oure seid lawes; which their vntowardnesse sowneth not to ouré pleasure. Howe-be-it we ne may nor will denye vnto thaym þ*at* that oure seid lawes requyren, Neue*r*theles we woll that ye, the seid Com*m*ons, and eue*r*y of you, from hensfurth vse and enioye your Com*m*on in the forsaid grounde in all such wyse as may be thought accordyng with right and goode consience; wherin and in all other matiers that can be thought resonable we woll at all tymes yeue vnto you our help and assistence with the ffauo*ur* of oure grace.

Southampton.

Yeuen vnder o*ur* signet at o*ur* towne of Southampton the vij day of Decembre.

To our trusty & wele-beloued þe Maire, Aldermen and Co*m*moi*n*alte of our Cite of Couentre.

By the Prince. Dec. 7.

"The prince Aloweth the same."

Ryght trusty & wele-beloued, we grete you wele, and where-as we by thaduise of our Counseill haue taken gret diligense to appeise the variance betwen you, our tenauntes of Couentre, & Will. Bristowe & Edward his Brother for þe Comion þat ye, our seid tenauntes, claymen to haue be all seasons of þe yere in a grounde lying on the south partie of þe seid Town betwixt Barons-felde and the watir of Shirburn; and caused the Circumstaunce of þe matier to be examyned at large, supposyng to haue made a goode & restfull yende in the same atwen you & þe other partie; so it is that þe obstinacy & wilfulnesse of the seid Will. & Edward is suche that they ne will take eny other weye or direccion therin, but vtterly to sue the Comien lawe to oure gret displeasure. Wherfore we woll that ye, our seid tenauntes, haue & vse youre rightfull comien in the forseid grounde accordyng to youre right. And yf the seid Will. or Edward or either of theim wrongfully sue or troble you, our seid tenauntes, or eny of you for the same ye may be sure of our goode lordship, and to haue oure lawefulle fauour & assistence therin. Yeuen vnder our signet the vij day of Decembre.

To oure right trusty & wele-beloued the Maire, Aldermen & Comiens of the Cite of Couentre.

MAYOR'S ACCOUNTS.

[1] Memorandum that these ben the parcels folowyng that þe seid Maire hath resceived & paide duryng the tyme of his office. Wherof he made pleyn accompt before his Brethern in þe Counceill house in seynt Marie hall xxiiij^to^ die Januarii a. r. r. E. iiij xxj°. Jan. 24, 1482.

ffirst, resceived of the fforeyns of þe gaderyng amonges them in grosse for þe $\overset{xx}{\text{iij}}$ sowdiours waged into Scotland iiij li. xj s. Receipts. £4 11s. 0d.

Item, resceived of Ric. Drought & Ric. Nores then Chamberleyns at dyuers tymez . . . . . vij li. x s. £7 10s. 0d.

[1] leaf 248, back.

Item, of Joh. Seman of þe money he was sessed in
£2 0*s.* 0*d.* his warde for þe wagyng of the seid iij^{xx} sowdio*urs* . xl s.

Item, of Rob. Onley of þe money he was sessed in his
£1 15*s.* 4*d.* warde for þe seid wagyng etc. . . . . xxxv s. iiij d.

Item, of[1] Tho. Hadley at þat tyme on of þe Collecto*urz* of þe Wel-strete-warde of money for the seide wagyng
£2 0*s.* 0*d.* etc. . . . . xl s.

Item, of Ric. Jakson at that tyme on of þe Collecto*urs*
3*s.* 4*d.* of þe Croschepyng-warde of like money etc. . iij s. iiij d.

Item, of Tho. Maideford of þ*at* money þ*at* he was
14*s.* 0*d.* sessed in his warde for þe same wagyng etc. . . xiiij s.

Item, of Ric. Eue*r*don for like money sessed in his
13*s.* 4*d.* warde & for þe seid wagyng . . . . . xiij s. iiij d.

Item, of the Botelmaker in þe Mich-p*ar*ke-strete ward
1*s.* 0*d.* for like money sessed in his warde etc . . . . xij d.

Item, of Ric. Smyth & Rob. Grene then wardeyns of suche money as remayned in theire hand*es* resceyued be theym of the ward*es* afore specified & for þe wagyng of
Bad money. £1 2*s.* 0*d.* iij^{xx} sowdyo*urs* aforeseid in bad gold and silu*er* . . xxij s.
Sum total £20 10*s.* 0*d.* Su*m*ma recept*orum* xx li. x s.

Expenses. Of which money resc*eived* as is afore-specified þe seid Maire delyue*r*ed & paide as here-aftur ensueth :—

ffirst to Grove & his ffelowe late Chamb*er*leyns etc.
£4 11*s.* 6½*d.* of þe arrerag*es* of their accompt etc. . iiij li. xj s. vj d. ob.

Item, to Tho. Maideford late on of þe Cha*u*mb*er*leyns
£1 19*s.* 6*d.* etc. of his arrerag*es* etc. . . . . xxxix s. vj d.

Item, delyue*r*ed to þe styward when þe Recordo*ur* & þe M*aister* of Trinite Gylde went to London for the mat*er* of Briscowes for to make vp xx li. etc. for their cost*es*
£5 0*s.* 0*d.* etc. . . . . v li.

Item, paide to þe secretory of my lorde Prince for a
6*s.* 8*d.* lettre that ffyneux brought to Couentre. . . vj s. viij d.

Item, to þe Clerk of þe market . . . . . x s.
10*s.* 0*d.*

Item, to his Clerk . . . . . xij d.
1*s.* 0*d.*

Item, for reteynyng of xlviij^{ti} sowdyo*urs* for my lorde p*r*ince, paide to eu*er*y of theym xij d. etc.
£2 8*s.* 0*d.* Su*m*ma xlviij s.

[1] "of" repeated.

Item, paide to Rafe Coton, Coruiser, for iij peir of boteux[1] for sowdiours . . . . . iiij s. — Boots 4s. 0d.

Item, to Tho. Bailly for Coste he made vppon þe Comiens to seasse them when they were vp etc. iij s. iiij d. — 3s. 4d.

Item, to Nic. Broune, Joh. Tyder & Ric. Wilgrise for seassyng of þe seid comiens etc. . . . . viij d. — 8d.

Item, for Cariage of veneson fro ffulbroke & fro Warr[ewyk] etc. . . . . ij s. viij d. — 2s. 8d.

Item, paide to Will. Bower for a bowe for a sowdiour ij s. — 2s. 0d.

Item for makyng of lettrez to þe Recordour, Maister Wilgrise & oþer beyng at London . . . . . viij d. — 8d.

Item, to Bordale & Corby for metyng of þe grounde[2] at Whitley . . . . . iiij d. — 4d.

Summa solucionis xv li. x s. iiij d. — Total £15 10s. 4d.

& so the seid Mair restesth in dette iiij li. xix s. viij d. which he delyuered to Joh. Wilgr[i]sse then beyng maister of the Trinite Gilde etc. þe xxiiij^t^ day of Januare anno xxj E. iiij^ti^ predicto in presense of his Brethern. Et sic Idem Maior adtunc & ibidem quietus recessit etc. — Balance £4 19s. 8d. which he delivered to the Gild-master. Jan. 24, 1482. And the same mayor then and there departed quit.

HEN. MARLER, MAYOR, 1482.

[3] ¶ [Election of officers.] — "Couentre." Jan. 25. Electors.

Joh. Wilgrise, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Ruyton, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Onley, Joh. Seman, Rob. Atterton, Will. Marchall, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Aleyn, Ric. Coke, Joh. Hoten, Tho. fforde, Will. Thistilton, Will. Taillour, Ric. Pulton, Joh. ffyssher, Rob. Jekes, Will. Crampe, Nic. Broune, Tho. Maideford, Joh. Castell.

[m. Hen. Marler; steward,[4] Joh. Boteler; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Ric. Chapman, Hugh Huyton; w. Joh. Sysell, Will. Hardy; mace, Will. Nasshe; crier,[5] Joh. Shutte. — Officers.

[1] v. *N. E. D.* botew = a short boot. [2] "of" follows.
[3] leaf 249. Sheriffs, Joh. Dove, Rob. Colman.
[4] senescallus. [5] proclamator.

J.Ps. [1 Hen. Marler, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Joh. Wilgrise M. G. S. T., Ric. Braytoft, Rob. Onley, Joh. Seman.

Key-keepers. The same except the recorder and Seman.]

CHAMBERLAINS' ACCOUNTS.

And it is ordained that the chamberlains now elected and to be elected hereafter shall pay to the chamberlains who formerly have been surcharged in that office above the charge ordained and instituted of old £10 to be paid at discretion of the mayor for the time being until etc.

[2 Et ord[inatum est] quod noui Camerarii modo electi & decetero eligendi annuatim soluant [3] veteribus Camerariis qui in officio illo preantea superonerabantur vltra onera ordinata, & illa ab antiquo instituta, decem libras per discrescionem Maioris pro tempore existentis soluendas etc. donec etc.

THE RIOTERS.

Mar. 20. *By the Prince.*

The prisoners released, but ordered to find "Suertie of good behaviour."

Ryght trusty & wele-beloued, we grete yewe wele, and where-as [4] Ric. Shawe & Dauid Greno of þe Cite of Couentre for their demerites haue long lyen in warde in the Castell of Ludlowe, my most dradde lorde & ffadir, for diuerse concideracions hym movyng, willeth that they be delyuered home ageyn, and there to fynde suerte before youe to be of theire goode abeiryng; wherfore we haue enlarged them oute of the seid Castell to come hom vnto yewe; desiryng yewe that at theire comyng ye take þe seid suerte and do therin as ye be your wisdomes shall thynk most expedient for the rest & tranquyllite of the seid Cite. Yeuen vnder oure signet

At London. at London þe xx day of Marche.[5]

Vppon which writyng the seid persones founde suerte of theire goode aberyng for euer before þe Maire & oþer Justices of þe pease within þe seid Cite etc. as appereth be þe boke of reconisaunce.

[1] *v.* note 2. [2] Transposed from where note 1 is.
[3] "de" interlined and ? deleted; MS. ? veteris.
[4] See above, p. 496. [5] See Edward's letter, p. 497.

THE SCOTCH EXPEDITION.

500 men to go under Sir E. Woodville with the Duke of Gloucester.

Mem. that where *Sir* Edward Wodevyle[1] accompenyed with V^c^ men was appoynted be þe kynge*s* goode grace for my lorde prynce to attend vppon my lorde of Gloucestre in his viage towarde*s* Scotland for *su*bduyng of þe Scotte*s*, my seid lord prince send to þe Meire for to haue had *cer*ten men in Couentre etc., vppon which sonde[2] the Maire be þe advice of his Brethern in easyng þe seid Cite of men in *þat* behalf send to[3] my seid lord prynce in aydyng þe seid *Sir* Edward towarde*s* þe seid Jo*u*rneye xx li., which was accepted with louyng thankyng as appereth be a lettre sent be þe lord Ryu*ers* w*ith* his owne hand wreton vnto þe Meire & his Brethern etc. Which lettre remayneth in þe Cofer of þe seid Maire etc.

£20 sent to the prince in lieu of men.

BRISCOWE AGAIN.

[4] *By the Prince.*

Aug. 19.

Trusty and wele-beloued, we grete youe wele, and woll & desire youe to yeve credence vnto o*ur* trusty and wele-beloued *seruaunt*, Joh. Isham, in that he shall open vnto youe on o*ur* behalue, touchyng the matier in variance dependyng betwen yewe and Briscowe; not faylyng therof as o*ur* truste is in yowe. Yeve*n* vnder o*ur* signet at Bewdeley the xix day of August.

The prince sends a messenger with information concerning Briscowe.

At Bewdley.

Whos credence vttered at that tyme to þe Maire & his Brethern[5] was this that Will. Briscowe had ben before my lord Prince & his Counceill & there shewed vnto theym howe *þat* þe matiere in variance betwixt hym & þe Citie, which late was in þeir hande*s* etc., was in his defalt sette atte large.[6] Wherof he nowe repentyng hym in *þat* behalf besought þe said lorde*s* prince*s* Counceill to take eftesonez the seid matier into their hande*s*, whos decre to obbeye & abyde what so eu*er* they made in that behalfe he wold be his obligac*i*on suff*icient* in lawe bynde hym & his heirs in such somme as vnto their lordshippes shulde be thought

Briscowe begs the prince's council to arbitrate in the old dispute,

[1] Son of the first Earl Rivers and brother of the queen. He shared Henry VII's exile, and died in the Breton war 1488.
[2] sending, message. [3] deletions.
[4] leaf 249, back. [5] "at that tyme" deleted.
[6] = in an unsettled or unfixed state.

resonable etc. Vnto whom was answered at þat tyme be the lordes that howe-be-it þat he so was disposed they were not in certen wheder þe Maire & his Brethern for þe partie of þe Towne would conforme theym vnto such mocion, inso-moche that in tyme paste where they were euer conformable to euery mocion made for yende to haue be taken in þe premissez, & applied their wylles therunto, he wold neuer be appliable, but followyng his owne will etc. Neuerthelez yf þe seid Meire & Brethern wolde be agreable etc. & they wold take þe labour vppon them eftesones for goode conclusion to be had in þe premissez etc. Wheruppon a grete people was cald vnto þe hall & þe premissez shewed vnto theym, whech were at þat tyme agreable to putte þe matier eftesones into þe handes of my lord prince and his Counceill etc. And þeruppon Joh. Boteler, Townclerk, was send to Ludlowe to shewe þe same agrement vnto þe lordes, that þe seid Meire & his Brethern for þe parte of þe town were agreable to þe seid mocion etc. with that þat Edw. Briscowe wold be bounde to doo likewyse etc., which at þat tyme þe seid Will. Briscowe wold not vndertake for his Broþer. Howe-be-it afterwardes he labored his seid Brother to þe same. Wheruppon seuerall obligacions were made & sealed at Couentre before my[1] lorde of Worcestre etc. The tenours wherof hereafter suen etc. & þe seid obligacions weren delyuered to þe seid Bisshop of Worcestrer.[2]

to which request the council promises to accede provided that the town of Coventry will consent.

This is done.

Ed. Briscowe likewise consents.

Bonds are placed in the Bishop of Worcester's hands.

[Be it known to all that I, Will. Briscowe, gentleman, am bound unto the noble and most mighty prince Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall and Earl of Chester in £100 sterling, payable at Christmas next coming.

[The condition of this bond is this:—that if the underbound William will stand by and obey the award, decree and

Nouerint vniuersi etc. me Edw.[3] Will. Briscowe Gent. teneri etc. nobili ac prepotenti principi domino Edwardo, Principi Wallie, Duci Cornubie ac Comiti Cestrie, in Centum libris sterlingorum solvendis etc. in festo Nativitatis Domini proximo futuro etc.

Condicio istius obligacionis talis est, quod si infra obligatus Willelmus steterit & obedierit laudo, decreto &

[1] deleted, but "stet" written above. "þe" follows.
[2] Joh. Alcock. [3] Should be deleted.

decision of the under-named prince as well as of and concerning the right, title and possession of common of pasture in two parcels of land and marsh lying below the park of the same lord prince, called Cheylesmore Park; wherof one lies between a certain field called Barons Field and the water of Sherbourne in length; and in breadth between the king's highway leading from Coventry towards London on the one part, and the said park unto the water running from the Park Mill there; and thus by that water unto the water of Sherbourne aforesaid on the other part: And the other parcel lies on the east side of the said king's highway leading towards London on the one side, and the Trinity gild land and T. Ferrers' on the other side in breadth; and in length from the corner of the said gild's croft lying by the cross there, called Whitley Cross, unto Sherbourne water aforesaid: which same parcels the aforesaid W. Briscowe alleges are his: and in which same parcels of land the mayor and community (etc.) demand for themselves and the tenants of all and every of the tenements and inhabitants in Coventry to have common of pasture for all kinds of cattle, com-

iudicio infranominati domini principis tam de & super jure, titulo & possessione Communis pasture in duabus parcellis terre & maresci iacentibus subtus parcum eiusdem domini principis, vocatum Chelesmore-parke; quarum vna iacet inter quendam Campum ibidem vocatum Baronsfeld & aquam de Shirburn in longitudine, Et in latitudine inter viam Regiam ducentem de Couentria versus Londoniam ex vna parte, & parcum predictum vsque acquam currentem de le parke-myll ibidem, & sic per acquam illam vsque acquam de Shirburn antedictam ex altera parte: Et alia parcella terre iacet ex parte orientali dicte vie Regie ducentis versus Londoniam ex vna parte, & terra (*sic*) Gilde S. Trinitatis Couentrie ac Tho. fferrers, militis, ex altera parte in latitudine, Et in longitudine a Cornerio Crofti dicte Gilde iacente iuxta Crucem ibidem vocatam Whitley-crosse, vsque aquam de Shirburn supradictam: Quas quidem parcellas terre predictus Will. Briscowe pretendit fore suas: Et in quas quidem parcellas terre Maior & Communitas ville de Couentria pro se & tenentibus omnium & singulorum tenementorum ac inhabitancium in Couentria predicta exigunt habere communiam pasture, ad omnimoda aueria sua communicabilia & non

monable and non-commonable yearly throughout the year for their tenements in Coventry aforesaid; and to have and to take such profits in the same parcels of land viz. to dig up and carry thence sufficient stones, turves, sand, clay, and mud, and other their profits there, all times of the year, for the repair of the said tenements and all and singular roads and pavements within Coventry and without at the will and pleasure of the said tenants and inhabitants; and also to have and carry on in the same parcels of land all kinds of play and games daily throughout the year whenever it shall please them viz. to shoot arrows, wrestle, run races with men and horses, and to dance and also to have and hold feasts there without any hindrance whatsoever.

[Of which common and profits, as is aforesaid, with everything appertaining unto the same the same Mayor and community and all tenants and inhabitants were seized from time out of mind; which same parcels the aforesaid Mayor and community assert are in Coventry, and the aforesaid Will. Briscow alleges that they are in Whitley.

[As well as of and concerning all and singular actions,

communicabilia annuatim per totum annum pro tenementis suis in Couentria predicta; ac habere et percipere

in eisdem parcellis terre talia proficua, videlicet fodere lapides, turves, zabulum, argillam, arenam & lutum sufficiencia, ac alia proficua sua ibidem capere & abinde asportare & cariare omni tempore anni pro reparacione tenementorum predictorum ac omnium & singulorum viarum & pavimentorum in Couentria predicta & extra ad libitum & voluntatem tenencium & inhabitancium predictorum; necnon habere & exercere in eisdem parcellis terre omnimoda ioca & lusos (*sic*) sua annuatim cotidie & quandocunque eis placuerit,

videlicet ad sagittandum, luctandum, currendum cum hominibus & equis, & trepidiendum (*sic*), necnon lurciatria ibidem habendum & tenendum, sine impedimento quocunque.

De quibus quidem Communi & proficuis, vt supradictum est, cum omnibus ad eadem pertinentibus iidem Maior & Communitas & omnes tenentes ac inhabitantes predicti a tempore cuius contrarii memoria hominum non existit fuerunt seisiti. Et quas quidem parcellas terre predicti Maior & Communitas affirmant fore in Couentria, predictus Will. Briscowe pretendit fore in Whitley.

Quam de & super omnibus & singulis accionibus realibus, mixtis &

real, mixed and personal, pleas, trespasses, debts, offences, demands and causes whatsoever between the said W. Briscowe and the said Mayor and community of whatever kind made, had, done, brought in, perpetrated and prosecuted.

[And if W. Briscowe for his part will fulfil and abide by the award, decree and decision of the said lord prince in all and singular the premisses, so that the award, decree and decision shall be given and rendered and delivered in writing to the aforesaid parties before the feast of Easter next to come after the date above-written, then the present bond shall be annulled, otherwise it shall remain in all its effect.]

personalib*us*, querel*is*, transgr*essioni-bus*, debit*is*, offens*is*, demand*is* ac causis quibuscu*nque* int*er* pred*ictum* Will. Briscowe & d*ict*os Maiore*m* & Co*mmun*itate*m* qu*o*uismodo ante dat*am* presenc*ium* fact*is*, h*abitis*, illat*is*, p*er*petrat*is* & p*ro*secut*is*: Et laudu*m*, decretu*m* & iudiciu*m* pre-dict*i* d*o*mini Principis in om*n*ib*us* & sing*u*lis p*re*miss*is* Idem Will. Briscowe p*ro* p*ar*te sua in om*n*ib*us* p*er*imple*uer*it & custodierit: Ita q*uod* laud*um*, decret*um* & iudiciu*m* ill*ius* fiant & reddant*ur* & in script*ura* par-tib*us* p*redict*is citra festu*m* Pasche p*roxim*o futur*um* p*ost* dat*am* supra-script*am* deliber*antur*, tunc p*re*sens obl*igacio* p*ro* nullo h*abeatur*; alioquin in suo robore etc.

And Edw. Briscowe for his parte in like wyse was bounde in like somme to the seid Prince be his obligacion hauyng like condicion, except þat whereas is aboue specified in þe condic*ion* of þe obl*igacion* W. Briscowe surmiseth the seid p*ar*cels of grounde to be in Whitley & not in Couentr*e*, the seid Edward affermed the seid p*ar*cels of grounde to be in Couentr*e* & not in Whitley, & so shuld be writen he seide in his obligacion, & so was doon, as appereth be þe seid obl*igacion* beyng in þe kepyng of my lorde Bisshop of Worcestre etc. Ed. Briscowe is also bound.

And for þe parte of þe Towne Will. Horseley, dyer, & Hugh Highton were bounden in like somme, & vppon like condicion etc.

Aftur whech obl*igacions* made & sealed the metes & bandes of þe seid landes in variance were taken be advice etc. as followeth :—

M*em*. þat þe grounde in variance etc. lieth betwixt Barons-feld & þe watir of Shirburn in lengh, and in brede "The bounds off the ground in variance."

fro London weye strecchyng vnto a Corner of a Close of þe Trinite Gildes lying behynde Whitley Crosse, which Joh. Wilgrise nowe holdeth, & so folowyng þe diche of þe said close vnto Peggmyll; & fro þe seid Mill folowyng þe watir of Shirburn vnto Whitley myll on þe North syde, and Cheylismore-parke folowyng pale of þe seid parke after Bakynton weye vnto Parke-myll fforde & so folowyng þe seid streme vnto þe watir of Shirburn aforeseid on þe south side. Within whech bandes the parcell of grounde first inclosed be Briscowes ffadir lieth; and conteyneth xl landes & vj buttes; & lieth in lengh fro Bakynton weye lying betwixt Chelismore-parke & þe seid parcell vnto þe watir of Shirburn; and in brede fro þe lande there cald þe Chirchhadland, strecchyng down be a watir-fforough where some-tyme was a diche & a heye[1] vnto þe watir of Shirburn aforeseid directly vppon þe seid Whitley myll on þe on syde, and Parke-myll fforde aforeseid; & so be þe seid streme vnto þe watir of Shirburn afore-seid on þe oþer syde etc. And a-noþer parcell of grounde cald Styffordhale lieth in lengh fro London weye aforeseid vnto þe watir of Shirburn aforeseid, and in brede fro a grove cald seynt Anne Grove vnto a Mill of þe Trinite Gild which Joh. Wilgrise nowe holdeth etc.

LAUR. SAUNDERS AGAIN.

Oct. 19.

Saunders puts up a bill concerning the common pastures.

[2] Mem. that þe Seturday aftur the fest of seynt Luce Euaungelist the seid 3ere Laurens Saunders, Dier, not beyng content with such order as the Mair & his brethern token for the Comien perteyning to Couentre etc., put up a bill vnto þe seid Meir surmysyng in the same diuers feldes to be kept seuerall, where they shuld be comien etc.; the tenour of which bill hereafter sueth:—

These be the pastures þat I, Laurence Saunders, compleyneth to the Maire & his Counceill, þe which shuld be my common after the tenure of my freholt, witholden be þese persones whos names ensuen:—

ffirst, My lorde Priour severels the Brodwok wast.

Item, he severeles half þe Bishopes-hay.

[1] = hedge. [2] leaf 250.

Item, the M*aister* of þe Trinite Gilde severels a feld in Stychall-hiron calde Miry-felde.

Item, Gerard Odyngsels encloseth a feld calde Hill-feld stretchyng hym-self to Asshawe.[1]

Item, M*aister* Onley incloseth a felde calde Asshemore.[2]

He is called before the council,

Vppon which surmyse the Maire cald his Brethern togader, afore whom the seid Laur*ence* was calde, & there and þ*at* tyme was made p*ri*ue to þe Evidence of þe Cite in þ*at* behalf; which Evidence seyn p*ro*ued contrarie to þe surmyse of þe seid Laurence. Howe-be-hit þe seid Laurence, not beyng content w*ith* such answer, desired a copy of þ*at* Evidence to schewe to c*er*ten people in þe Citie as he shuld please etc.; & such other vntowardly word*es* there vtte*r*ed and wold not o*þer*wise be ruled the*n* after his owne will etc. And where he was bounde be reconisaunce to be of good beryng, he desired þ*er*of to be discharged, & seid ferther þ*at* but yf þey wold discharge hym he wolde fynde the measne to be discharged; & vtte*r*ly disobeyed the meires rule & his brethern etc. Wheruppon þe Meire & his brethern shewid his disobeysaunce to the lord*es* of my lorde prync*es* counceyll, the*n* beyng at Couentr*e*, the Setu*r*day before All Halough day. Whervppon he þ*er*e was com*m*ytte to the porters warde; & there he was in ward tyll Sonday after All Halowe day. At wich tyme be grete instaunce made by hys ffryndes he was the*re* agreable a-fore the lord*es* to seale a statute M*er*chaunt of CC li. to þe Meyre, & iiij men suerte for hym were bounde in C li. that þe seid Laurence shulde stande & obeye to þe rule of þe Meire & his brethern in all thyng*es*, & þ*at* he shulde be of good beryng for eu*er* a-yenest the seid Meire & all his successours & offic*er*s of þe Citie for eu*er*. And theruppon he was deliu*er*ed w*ith* such langage vtte*r*ed be the lord*es*, wich were these:—þ*at* this was the secunde tyme þ*at* he had ben in warde for his disobeysaunce, & for such com*m*oc*i*ons as he had made among*es* the pepull; therfore they bad hym be ware; for yf he cam the iij^de^ tyme in warde for such matieres, hit schulde cost hym his

and made privy to the evidence concerning the same;

but on uttering untowardly words,

Oct. 26, he is committed to prison; but on Nov. 3 he is released on undertaking to sign a bond in £200 to obey the mayor and council.

The lords of the prince's council warn him that a

persistence in his conduct will cost him

[1] See above, p. 48.

[2] See above, p. 440. Not mentioned as common in 1423; nor in Laurence's former list.

his head! He submits to the mayor, Dec. 12,

hedde etc. Vppon which *su*bmission the Meir*e* callyng to hym his brethern þe Thrusday next aft*er* the Concepcion of our Lady next suyng & there were agreed that þe seid Laurence shulde make his *su*bmission to such Meir*es* as he had offended, & in recompens of all offence & disobeysaunc*es* & contemptes etc. he shulde bryng in to the Meir*e* xli., wherof Cs. shulde be had & spended to the behofe of the Citie, & the o*þer* Cs. the said Laurence to haue a-yene, vppon his good beryng; which was don. And *þat* statute M*er*chaunt vppon his beryng remayneth in þe kepyng of Hen. Marler then beyng Meire etc. And þe o*þer* obliga*cions* of þe collat*er*all surte also etc. The teno*ur* wherof hereaftur ensueth:—

and pays a fine of £10; of which £5 is returned to him.

The bonds of Laurence's sureties.

[Be it known to all that we Jas. Bailly of Coventry, tanner, Will. Paynell, whittawer, Edm. Barbour, chapman, Joh. Reynold, fuller, are bound to Hen. Marler in £100 sterling, payable at the feast of Christmas next.

[The condition of this bond is this: that if L. Saunders, dyer, abide by and obey the order and judgment of Hen. Marler, the mayor, and the council of and concerning all and singular contempts, trespasses, rebellions, riots, crimes, misprisions, disobediences, commotions, and offences whatever, by whatever means made, perpetrated and brought about by the said Laurence against the aforesaid mayor and Will. Shore and Ric. Colyns, formerly mayors of the said city; and if the same Laurence obey and fulfill and keep their ordinance and judgment: provided that it

No[verint vniversi] nos Jacobu*m* Bailly de Couentr*e*, Tanner, Will. Paynell de Co*uentre*, whittawer, Edm. Barbo*ur* de Co*uentre*, Chapman, & Joh. Reynold de Couentr*e*, ffuller, teneri etc. Henr*ico* Marler in Cent*um* libr*is* ster*l*ingor*um*, sol*uendis* in festo Nat*iuitatis* Dom*i*ni pr*oximo* etc.

Condic*io* ist*ius* ob*ligacionis* tal*is* est, q*uo*d si Laur. Saunders de Couentr*e*, Dyer, stet*er*it & obedierit ordinac*ioni* & iudic*io* Hen. Marler, Maior*is* Ciuitat*is* Couentr*ie*, & concilii eiusd*em* Ciuitat*is* de & sup*er* om*nibus* & sing*u*lis contemptib*us*, t*ransgressionibus*, rebellionib*us*, riot*is*, delict*is*, mespric*ioni*bus, disobedienciis, com-

mocionibus & offensis quibuscu*nque* *per* ipsu*m* Laurenc*ium* *prefatis* Maiori ac Will. Shore ac Ric. Colyns, nup*er* Maioribus Ciuitat*is* *predicte*, & cuicu*nque* eor*um*, qualitercu*nque* fact*is*, p*er*petrat*is* & illat*is*; Et ordin*acion*em & iudicium ill*orum* Idem Laur*encius* in om*nibus* obedierit & *per*impleu*er*it

be made and given before the within-written Christmas, and moreover if the same Laurence for the future at all times and in all things behave well towards the said Mayor and his successors and all mayors of the said city in the future, as well as to all kinds of officers of the same city, for the time being, and duly obey, fulfill and keep their precepts and commands, then the present bond shall be void, otherwise [it shall remain in its effect].]

& custodierit: Ita quod ordinacio & Judicium illorum fiant & reddantur citra festum Nativitatis domini infrascriptum etc. Et insuper si Idem Laurencius decetero omni tempore in omnibus & per omnia se bene gesserit erga dictum Maiorem & successores suos & omnimodos Maiores dicte Ciuitatis inposterum[1] futuros, necnon omnimodos officiarios eiusdem Ciuitatis qui pro tempore fuerint, & eorum precepta & mandata debite obedierit, perimpleuerit & custodierit, tunc presens obligacio pro nullo etc. alioquin etc.

FARM OF COMMON LANDS.

The following agree that certain lands occupied by the prior shall be farmed by the mayor and community

[2] Mem. that all the persones whos names here suen were agreable & there agreed that the Maire in þe name of the Maire & Cominalte shuld take to perpetuell fferm of þe priour & Couent of þe Cathedrall Chirch of our Lady of Couentre all theire grounde which they haue without þe Newe-yate of Couentre fro Skynners-buttes to þe watir of Shirburn, & also in Styffordhale[3] lying betwixt þe high-weye ledyng fro Couentre to London vnto þe watir of Shirburn etc.; paying þerfor 3erely to þe seid priour & his successors 3erely[4] xvj s. viij d., as appereth be indentures þerof betwixt theym made etc.

at 16*s.* 8*d.* annual rent.

Gosford-warde: Joh. Wilgris, Ric. Smyth, Joh. Dove, Rob. Blebury, Rog. Sutton, Will. Braunch, Tho. Steyn, Edm. Hadley.

Muche-parke-street: Hen. Boteler, Rob. Atterton, Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Pulton, Rob. Crosse, Joh. Bordale, Rob. Taskar.

Bailly-lane: Rob. Burnall, Gal. Arthern, Tho. Bailly, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Castell, Tho. Chirchemon, Rob. Grene, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Padland, Will. Warner, Joh. Clyffe.

[1] A stroke too many for "m." [2] leaf 250, back.
[3] See above, p. 452. [4] redundant.

Brode-ȝate: Joh. Ruyton, Tho. Napton, Rob. Shawbury, Joh. Julyans, Morys John.

Crosse-chepyng: Will. Marchall, Will. Shore, Hen. Ball, Tho. fforde, Will. Elys, Tho. Bagot, Rob. Colman, Will. Northampton, Tho. Maidford, Hen. Colyns, Will. Hede, Joh. Sissell, Rob. Hardy, Tho. Turnour, Tho. Wardelowe, Nic. Randull.

Well-strete-warde: Ric. Colyns,[1] Joh. Hoten, Will. Hardy, Ric. Chapman, Joh. Gerveyes, Tho. Hadley, Joh. Wotton, Tho. Potell, Rob. Wode.

Jurden-well: Joh. Seman, Joh. ffyssher, Ric. Drake, Will. Huet, Hen. Staffordshire, Tho. Baron, wiredrawer.

Erle-strete: Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Will. Thistelton, Ric. Coke, Hen. Kebull, Ric. Alyn, Joh. Swan, Rafe Calbek, Nic. Broune, Ed. Hulcote, Joh. Mathewe, Tho. Hawnell.

Litell-parke-strete: Rob. Bradmedowe, Ric. Lee, Will. Haddon, draper, Rob. Jekes, Joh. Staunton, Joh. Duddesbury, Rob. Aleyn, Joh. Semyng, Nic. Hall, Rob. Topcliff, Joh. Bande, draper.

Smythford: Rob. Onley, Joh. Toty, Joh. Thrumpton, Humf. Wode, Will. Taillour, Ric. Drought, Ric. Dawes, Will. fforde.

Spon-warde: Will. Horseley, James Baylly, Will. Hopkyns, Joh. Darlyng, Ric. Euerdon, Will. Godlad, Ed. Barbour, Will. Paynell, Joh. Raynold, Joh. Smyth.

THE MAYOR'S ACCOUNTS.

[2] *Mem.* of such Resceites & payement as þe seid Maire resceyued & paide in his tyme.

Receipts

ffirst, resceyued of Joh. Thrumpton, late *Maister* of þe Trinite Gilde . . . . . v li.

£5 0*s*. 0*d*. Item, of Joh. Wilgrise nowe *maister* of þe same Gilde.[3] v li.

£5 0*s*. 0*d*. Item, of Ric. Alen, *maister* of Corporis *Christi* Gilde v li.

£5 0*s*. 0*d*.

[1] or Colyis; one stroke of "n" missing.

[2] leaf 251.

[3] *v.* p. 503, last year's accounts; and note that the gild funds seem to constitute a municipal treasury.

Item, of Joh. Sissell & Will. Hardy, wardens of þe[1] Cite . . . . . v. li. £5 0*s*. 0*d*.

Item, rec*eyued* a-no*þer* tyme of þe[2] seid Joh. Thrumpton late m*aister* etc. . . . . vij li. xiij s. £7 13*s*. 0*d*.

Item, of þe seid Joh. Wilgris, m*aister* etc. a-no*þer* tyme xl s. £2 0*s*. 0*d*.

Item, Rec*eyued* a-no*þer* tyme of[3] . . . . . xl s. £2 0*s*. 0*d*.

Item, ano*þer* tyme of Hugh Huyton & Ric. Chapman, Cha*u*mburleyns etc. . . . . x li. £10 0*s*. 0*d*.

Item, a-no*þer* tyme of Joh. Wilgris, m*aister* of þe seid Trinite Gilde . . . . . xiij s. iiij d. 13*s*. 4*d*.

Sum*m*a Recept*orum*.[3]

ffirst, paide of þe seid resceite*s* & sent to Ludlowe to S*ir* Edw. Wodvyle[4] toward his Jurney into Scotland xx li. Payments. £20 0*s*. 0*d*.

Item, paide to Joh. Boteler to bere þe seid money to Ludlowe . . . . . xx s. £1 0*s*. 0*d*.

Item, delyu*er*ed & paide to Joh. Boteler in Mighelmas t*er*me to London betwixt þe Towne & Briscowe vj li. xiij s. iiij d. £6 13*s*. 4*d*.

Item, delyu*er*ed to þe seid wardens to paye to Laur. Saunders in p*ar*te of paye*men*t of his debent*ur*[5] . xl s.

Item, delyu*er*ed to þe Record*our* for his rewarde to make a papir of awarde which shuld haue be gyffe*n* betwixt þe Cite & Briscowe . . . . . xl s. £2 0*s*. 0*d*.

Item, paide to Ric. Smyth & Rob. Grene late wardens of their debent*ur* . . . . . ix li. xiij s. iiij d. £9 13*s*. 4*d*.

Item, paide to Rob. Crosse, Mason, to see town wall iiij d. 4*d*.

Item, paide to a lokyer in the Counceill house xvj d. 1*s*. 4*d*.

Item, for j gall*on* of swete wyn to þe p*r*iour & Covent when þe Record*our* labored to them for þe grounde without þe Newe-3ate to take hit to fferme[6] . . . xvj d. 1*s*. 4*d*.

Item, paide to[7] Marchall for horshir to Honyngham to ber a l*ett*re fro my lorde prince to E. Briscowe . viij d. 8*d*.

Item, to Joh. Boteler when he went to Ludlowe a-no*þer* tyme . . . . . xiij s. iiij d. 13*s*. 4*d*.

Sum*m*a solu*cionum*.[8]

[1] "seid" deleted. [2] Deletions.
[3] Blank. [4] See above, p. 505.
[5] The city's indebtedness to him probably for expenses incurred as chamberlain.
[6] See above, p. 513. [7] "John Will." deleted. [8] Blank.

WILL. HORSELEY, MAYOR, 1483.

"Couentre." Jan. 25.

¶ [1] [Election of officers].

Electors. Rob. Atterton, Joh. Wilgris, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Rob. Onley, Joh. Thrumpton, Joh. Seman, Will. Marchall, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Will. Bowyar, Will. Elys, Joh. Hoten, Will. Thistilton, Ric. Coke, Geff. Arthern, Rob. Jekes, Joh. Dove, Rob. Colman, Tho. Chircheman, Rob. Grene, Will. Crump, Joh. Castell.

Officers. [m. Will. Horseley; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Tho. Turnour, Hen. Staffordshire; w. Joh. Mathewe, Joh. Darlyng; mace, Will. Nasshe; crier, Joh. Shut.

J.Ps. [2] Will. Horseley, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Rob. Atterton, M.G.S.T., Joh. Wilgris, Ric, Br[aytoft].

Key keepers. [not given].

[3] BUSINESS.

[And it is ordained that if any one be called to the council, (or [to whom] any other matter is communicated in the said council), he shall keep it secret and not reveal it, on pain of forfeiture of 100*s.* to be applied to the use of the city.

[Ordained that J. Wilgrys shall be for the future overlooker of the wardens, and the lands and tenements belonging to them, taking 40*s.* a year for his labour.

[Ordained that the mayor for the future shall keep and attend at a council for the future every week on Wednesday throughout the year, unless urgent cause arise to the contrary.

Et ord*inatum est* quod si aliquis qui decetero erit vocat*us* ad concili*um*, [4]seu aliqua*m* alia*m* mate*riam* in dicto concili*o* co*mmuni*catur,[4] bene & fideliter illud secret*um* custodi*at*, & illud non reuelat (*sic*) sub pena forisfacture C s. ad vsu*m* Ciuitat*is* applicando*rum*.

Item, ord*inatum est* quod Joh. Wilgrys erit decetero supervisor Gardiano*rum* & terra*rum* & tene*mentorum* eidem (*sic*) pertinenti*um*, capiendo pro suo labore xl s. annuati*m* etc.

Item, ord*inatum est* quod Maior decetero custodiat & intendat concilio decetero septimanati*m* die Mercurii per totu*m* annu*m*, nisi eveniat vrgens

[1] leaf 251, back. Sheriffs, Ric. Smyth, Ric. Lee. [2] *v.* note 3.
[3] Transposed from where note 2 is. [4–4] Interlined. (?) Corrupt.

And that the mayor for the future having six of his brethren shall proceed to business not awaiting the presence of others not coming. So that whatever is determined and agreed upon by the mayor and six of his fellows shall stand stable as a law and act as if it had been made and affirmed by all the council.

[And that the mayor's sergeant at mace shall keep the door of the council. And let him be sworn to conceal what is determined.]

causa in contrarium. Et quod Maior decetero habens secum sex de confratribus suis procedat ad concilium non expectans presencia[m] aliorum non veniencium. Ita quod quicquid per Maiorem & sex sociorum, vt predictum est, tunc diffinitum & agreatum fuerit pro lege & actu stabile stat (*sic*) sicut si per totum concilium factum & affirmatum fuerit etc.[1]

Et quod seruiens maioris ad clavam sit decetero custos hostii concilii etc. Et juratur ad concilium concelandum etc.

CONDUIT-KEEPERS.

Aug. 31. "Keepers for þe 4 Conditte s."

[2] Hit was Ordenyd & agreyd by the Mayre & his brethourne the xxxj day of August þe tyme of Will. Horsseley beyng Marie (*sic*) for the kepares of the Condyte, for the Crosse-cheping, Ric. Bregeman, Rob. ffareman; for the West Orchard, Joh. Pope, Joh. Geest; for the Smythford-strete, Tho. Mower, Herre Myllys; ffor Bablake, Rog. Wood, Water Proodde.

Rate for the cunduits.

The Maire & his brethourne have Chosen & Ordyned that these men a-for named shall have the kepyng & oversyght of the iiij Condytes, and to gedur sylues for the Reparacion of the same þer, Euery parte of there wardes, of euery hall dour j d. a quarter, and euery Cotage be-syde ob. a quarter. And over thys that these said overseers shall Chese a plommer whom-that-ever shall pleace them for the good spede & labour of the same. And over thys they have ordenyd that yff any Brewyster or Deyster fetche any watur at any of þe saide cunditte s to brew withall or to dye or stepe barley withall, that then the seid kepars to leve & take vj s. viij d. of every soche brewer & deyster for [illeg.] to the Reparacion of the said Condytes.

"Brewers forfeit 6*s.* 8*d.* for fetching water at Conduits."

[1] Margin "vj with þe Maior Henry þe 4th 22." (?) meaning.
[2] leaf 251. Another scribe.

HEN. KEBULL, MAYOR, 1484.

"Couentre." Jan. 25. Electors.

¶ [Election of officers.]

[1] Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Wildegrise, Rob. Onley, Joh. Seman, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Will. Marchall, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Rob. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Will. Taillour, Bowyer, Tho. Bailly, Rob. Jekes, Will. Elys, Tho. fforde, Gal. Arthern, Joh. ffyssher, Sherman, Tho. Chircheman, Nic. Broune, Rob. Grene, Joh. Castell, Joh. Sissell.

Officers.

[m. Hen. Kebull; cor. Rob. Topcliff; ch. Joh. Duddesbury, Rob. Hardy, Bocher; w. Joh. Mathewe, Joh. Padland; mace, Joh. Nasshe "super suam bonam gesturam"; crier, Joh. Shutte.

J.Ps.

Hen. Kebull,[2] m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Tho. Bradmedowe, M.G.S.T., Joh. Wilgrise, Rob. Onley, Joh. Seman.

Key-keepers.

Hen. Kebull, m.[3]]

THE BAKERS' STRIKE.

Mar. 8.

Mem. that þe said Maire callyng afore hym þe viij day of March next folowyng þe seid fest of Purificacion etc. þe Craft of Bakers, þat is to seye, Joh. Smyth & Joh. Bredon, then beyng kepers of þe seid Craft, Will. Cramp, Joh. Aleyn, Laur. Coke, Ric. Clerk, Will. Kirkeby, Elias fflynt, Joh. Cherman, Hen. Knyghtley & Will. Burghly, examined theym of þe constitucions of their Craft; which amonges oþer the seid Maire founde þat they were allowed ij s. in þe ferthyng Coket loffe[4]; because they shuld not come in þe market in hurtyng the same market etc., Howeso-euer þe price of whete went higher or lower, which was thought vncerteyn. Therfore for more certeynte the seid Bakers, in þe name of all þe Bakers, were there & then agreed before þe seid Maire that when þe price of a quarter whete is boue vj s. vj d. then they to haue allowance ij s. in þe ob. Cockked loff; and when the price of a quarter whete is vnder vj s. vj d. then they to be allowed ij s. in þe ferthyng Cokked loffe. And þis allowance to be had only be-cause they shuld not come in þe market.

The "bakers"

to be allowed 2*s.* in the farthing cocket loaf

only when wheat is under 6*s.* 8*d.* a quarter, in return for not buying corn in the market.

[1] leaf 253. Sheriffs, Tho. Maideford, Will. Hopkyns.
[2] Marler deleted. [3] Rest wanting.
[4] *i. e.* each loaf might be lighter by the weight of 24 silver pennies. See above, p. 385.

[1] Mem. that in þe moneth of Decembre the ȝere aforeseid the Bakers of the seid Citie in gret nombre riottesly disposed assembled theym & vnlawefully confedered, intendyng of hight wille þe reproche of þe seid Maire, sodenly departed oute of the seid Cite vnto Bakynton, levyng þe seid Cite destitute of bred; wherthorough not only straungers resortyng to þe seid Cite and þe Inhabitauntes of the same were vnvittailled in gretly noysyng[2] the seid Cite & villany & reproche of þe seid[3] Maire & all þe officers þerof. Of which riotte diuers of þe seid[3] Bakers were indited as appereth of recorde in þe seid Cite etc. Whech seid Bakers callyng theym to theymself resorted & came unto þe seid Maire & humbly submytted theym-self vnto[3] his correccion. Wheruppon they were commytte to warde, and their ffyn sessed be þe seid Maire & oþer Justices of pease within þe seid Cite at xx li.; of which somme x li. was yffen to theym aȝeyn etc., the oþer x li. was resceyued þat be þe advice of þe seid Maire & his Brethern to be enploied[3] & distributed eqally amonges þe wardes of þe seid Cite to þe next charge to theym leyed, þat ys to seye, euery ward to haue xx s.

Dec.

"The bakers went to Bagginton,"

leaving the city destitute of bread.

Afterwards they submit;

are fined £20; of which £10 is forgiven;

And for a suerte that þe seid Bakers shall not eftesones offende, they be their free willes indented with þe seid Maire, wherof on parte remayneth with þe seid Maire, & þe oþer partie amonges theym-self, that they neuer frohensfurth whils they inhabite within the seid Cite, & vse þe craft of bakyng, woll make eny such vnlawefull assemble, riotte, confederacye, nor departer oute of the seid Cite to þe grife or reproch of eny Maire of þe same Cite, and þat they & euery of theym woll duely obserue & kepe be their willes such due & lawefull assise as be eny of þe seid Maires hereaftur shal-be lymyt & appoynted, vppon þe peyn who so doth þe contrarie to lose at euery defalt xx s., as in the seid indentures more pleynly appereth.

and give surety to obey the mayor's orders,

and keep the assize for the future,

or pay 20*s.* fine.

[1] leaf 253, back. I have sacrificed strict chronology to subject matter.

[2] = annoying. [3] Deletions.

THE RECORDER'S ILL-BEHAVIOUR.

"The Recorder reproched þe Maior."

[1] To be Rememberyd that ther was Reportyd of Credebyll persons that Herre Botelar, then beyng Recourder, said that he had as gret power as had the Mair: And also he wold a-Rest the Maire at the sessions sittyng on the bench. ffor the whech gret Reproche and gret dyshonour of the meralte and dysworshyp of this Cyte[2] that hereaftur therby shuld Ensew, Herre Kebyll, than Maire of this Cite, for the Refourmacion of the seducious premissez,

Jan. 27, 1485. Commaund to call afor hym at Coventre the xxvij day of

"xlviijti." Janiver anno Ricardi tercii ij° at sent Mary Hall xlviij

The forty-eight: their names; 50 in all, persones whos names folown:—Rob. Onley, new Chosyn Mair for the ȝere foloyng, Will. Marchall, M.G.S.T., Joh. Wyldgrys, Tho. Bredmedow, Joh. Gawge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Seman,[3] Joh. Thrompton, Rob. Attourton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colens, Herre Marler, Will. Horsseley, Tho. Bayly, Ric. Alen, Will. Taylour, Laur. Sawnders,[4] Rob. Crosse, Rob. Blewbere, Will. Thistilton, Tho. Bagot, Joh. Gryme, Joh. fyssher, Ric. Cook, Ric. Pulteney, Jeff. Ardourne, Rob. Jakes, Ric. Smyth, Ric. Lee, Tho. Maidford, Will. Hopkyns, Joh. Mathew, Joh. Padlond, Joh. Duddisbury, Rob. Hardy, Joh. Darlyng, Ric. Norres, Tho. Chourchman, Joh. Castell, Will. Cramp, Hugh Hyton, Tho. Pyttes, Rog. Sutton, Edw. Hulcottes, Will. Rowley, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Swan, Rob. Grene, Will. Haddon, Rob. Baker.

Hit is and hath ben accostomyd that þat the forsaid xlviij persones Ordenyth & astablesshyd for the worshyp of Meralte, bailyffes & Cominalte of this Cite accourdyng to the lawe all the hooll Body of the same Cite shuld be Bownd ther-by.

and ordinances. The recorder to take an oath, The forsaid xlviij han Ordenyd & astablisshyd that the forsaid Herre Boteler shall take is (*sic*) Othe as the Mair doth at Candylmas so long as that he Ocapyth (*sic*).

[5] Also they have Ordenyd that the Recorder yn all

[1] Scribe of E type.
[2] Deletions; "for the Reformacion of the sedicious premissez" deleted.
[3] Spelled Semans on leaf 254.
[4] Summoned as a bailiff (see below, p. 522) in spite of his recent disgrace. This would indicate a change of policy.
[5] leaf 254.

manȩr of Goynges & assemble shall put the Maister of the Trinite Gyld a-bove hym and not to go with the Mair for the tyme Beyng, Except that the Recourder shall sytt next the Mair yn Cowncelles Concernyng materes yn the lawe at the Jeyll hall and In Jugementes. and to give precedence to the gild master.

Allso the said xlviij were agreyd that yf the said Herre Boteler wold-not abey[1] and kepe these premyssez afforsaid that then the Mair and his Brethourn shuld Chese another man to be Recourder.

Than the xxviij day of Janiver *per* the ȝére aforsaid a-fore these persones whose Names folowen :— Jan. 28, 1485. Before 16 persons

Herre Kebyll, m., Rob. Onley, [v. p. 520 for nine following], Her. Marler, Will. Horsseley, Tho. Bayly, Laur. Sawnderes, Rob. Crosse :—

The said Herre Boteler was demaundyd of these wourdes a-for Rehersed; for the whech the said Herre Boteler Remembyrd hym-selff and seid that fro that day forward he wold take his Othe at Candilmas as the mere doth and to go yn all presence accourdyng to the Ordynaunce a-for Rehersed. the recorder submits,

Vppon the whech the forsaid Mair & all the that had be Mairys heryng hym speke Remenbyrd (*sic*) them that he had ben of long Contynewaunce, and vppon his good aberyng graunted hym the Office of Recourdershyp. And also [2]and ever[2] affended aȝenst the mair or any that had byn Maires That then they to Renovell[3] the Ordynaunce whech was made by the said xlviij.

THE COUNCIL.

The xxix day of Janiver *anno predicto* assemblyd to-gyddur in sent Mary Hall Her. Kebyll, m., Rob. Onley, Will. Marchall, Joh. Wyldgrys, Joh. Gawge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Semans, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Attourton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colens, Herre Merler, Will. Hoursseley, Laur. Sawnders, Rob. Crosse, Will. Tayllour, Joh. ffyssher, Jeff. Ardourne. Jan. 29.

A-for whom Maister Onley desyred that as for soch Officers as shuld be weytyng vppon hym for the tyme The in-coming mayor asks leave to

[1] Characteristic of this scribe. [2–2] ? = had never.
[3] = renew.

appoint his own officers.

that he is mere, that he myȝt take & admyt them whom that hit please hy*m*. All that be a-for-wreton g*r*aunted hym to Chese soch offic*er*s as shuld pleace hym. And so Maist*er* Onley Chose a-for them all to be Cryer, Joh. Westbury.

Past mayors to decide differences between mayors.

Also they have Ordenyd that as for any mater that is longyng to any Mair of this Cite or by-twene any Mairys of this Cite that hit shal-be det*er*myned & orderyd by all the Mairys w*ith*yn them-selff, so that the mat*er* be p*er*teynyng to the Cite.

ROB. ONLEY, MAYOR, 1485.

"Couentr*e*."

¶ [1 Election of officers.]

Jan. 25.

Electors.

Will. Marchall, Joh. Wilgris, Tho. Bradmedowe, Ric. Braytofte, Joh. Seman, Joh. Thru*m*pton, Rob. Atterton, Will. Shor*e*, Hen. Marler, Will. Horseley, Tho. Bailly, Ric. Coke, Will. Taillo*ur*, Will. Thistilton, Joh. ffyssher, Rob. Jekes, Geff. Arthern, Ric. Lee, Ric. Pulton, Will. Roweley, Tho. Chircheman, Rob. Grene, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Castell.

Officers.

[m. Rob. Onley; cor. Rob. Topclyff; steward,[2] Joh. Boteler; ch. Tho. Pitt*es*, Rog. Sutton; w. Will. fforde, Edw. Hulcote; mace, Will. Nasshe "de bona gestura"; crier,[3] Joh. Shut.

J.Ps.

[4] Rob. Onley, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Will. Marchall, M.G.S.T., Joh. Wilgris.

Key-keepers.

[not given.[4]]

TOWN BUSINESS.

The clock.

Also they ordeyn þ*at* Tho. Darlyng haue the kepyng of þe Clok frohensfurth takyng his wag*es* as is vsuelly vsed to gyffe therfor*e* etc., and he to begyn at Candilmasse day next comyng.

The murage.

Also they will þ*at* þe Murage be newe sessed betwixt þis & Estur next comyng be þe Meir and such as he will þ*er*to depute.

[1] leaf 254, back. Sheriffs, Laur. Saunders, Rob. Crosse.
[2] Sene*schal* in MS. [3] *Pro*clamator.
[4–4] I have transposed this passage. In MS. it follows the passage headed here Town Business.

ROYAL COMMUNICATIONS.

[1] *By the Kyng.*

May 6.

Trusty and Wel-belouyd, We grete you wele; Acertainyng yow that hit is Comen vnto our knolege how that ye have late full laudably with gret diligence applied yow to thobs*er*uyng and executyng of such sad direcc*i*ons and substanciall ordinaunc*es* a-monges yow acco*ur*dyng to our wrytyng late directed vnto yow in that bihalue as *per*-by loue & vnite is enhaunced among*es* yow, And discencions, variaunc*es*, and discord*es* sette a-parte to the hono*ur* and wele of our Cite there: ffor the wheche we gretly lawde & com*m*ende yowr sadnisse and circu*m*spect wysedoms, and thank you hertily for the same, willing and exhorting you that like as ye haue begonne and doon ye wil diligently ensue the p*er*fet Continuance of the same. And as for-asmoche as we knowe wele that by yo*ur* francheses and lib*er*tes by our noble pr*o*genitours to yow graunted and by vs ratified, accept and Conformed, ye haue auctorite to prouide, make and establisshe ordenaunc*es* and Rules among*es* yow for the vniu*er*sall wele and pollitique guiding of our said Citie, We tendering the honno*ur* and tranquilite of the same wol and Com*m*aunde you that all soche constitucions and ordina*u*nc*es* here byfore deuised and Concluded or here-aftur to be made for the contynuance of sad rule, substanciall guiding and sure directing of our said Citie and inhabitant*es* of the same ye see to be obs*er*ued and put in plainere execucion: In the wheche we shall at alle tymes yeve vnto yowe the fauoure & assistence of our good g*r*ace.

Richard III compliments the authorities for their late wise endeavours to pacify the city:

exhorts them to persevere, inasmuch as by their "ffranchises and liberties" they have power to make ordinances,

And yf any personne of obstinacie or wilful-hednesse will withstand or disobeye the said ordina*u*nces and Rules, We wol then *with*out delaye ye do certifie vs therof, and we shall prouide suche reformac*i*on and punicion therein acording to our lawes, and demerit*es* of thoffendours in example and fere of other: Wyllyng you that accordyng to your laudable vsage and Custumes ye see that such Officers as be made or here-aftur shal-be made among*es* yow doo mak there Othes for the sure obs*er*uyng and

and to inform him of any wilfulness or disobedience on the part of the citizens.

[1] leaf 255.

kepyng of the said ordinaunces: And that ye doo publisshe this our Commaundement vnto all thinhabitantes of our said Citie in such convenient tyme and season as ye shall thynk most according and expedient to thentent that noon of theim shall haue mater or grownd of excuse, if they offend contrary to our Commaundment in this behalue. And that this be doon with all diligence as ye entend to please vs, and as we may evidently vndurstand the loue and zele that ye owe and bere to the wele and honour of our said Citie. Yeuen vndur our signet at our paloys of Westminster. Westmynstre the vjth day of Maye.

Received May 20, 1485. Recevyd by the Maire the xx day of Maye anno secundo Ricardi tercii.

LETTER FROM HENRY VII.

After Aug. 22. Letter from Henry VII. Henry by the grace of God Kyng of Englond and of Fraunce and lord of Irland to oure trusty and wel-beloued the Maire and Justices of our peas within the shire of oure Citie of Couentre that nowe be, and that for the tyme shal-be, greting. We reduce vnto . . . [cetera desunt.]

THE RECORDER.

Dec. 26, 1485. [1] The xxvj day of December on sent Stephons day in Christonmas weke anno H. vij primo assembled to-gedur Rob. Onley, m., Will. Shore, Joh. Wyldgris, Tho. Bredmedow, Joh. Gawge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrompton, Rob. Attourton, Will. Marchall, Ric. Colens, Her. Marler, Will. Hoursseley, Her. Kebull, Will. Rowley,[2] Tho. Chourchman,[2] vicecomites.

The whech for diuersse Consideracions for-as-moch as the Recourder is of so grett febulnes they be agreyd that and any Casualtes of disease by Godes visitacion com vnto the Recourder that then Tho. Kebyll, the seriant, to have the next a-voydaunce of the Office of Recourdershyp, and yff he wyll take hit vppon hym aftur the Othe and Charge theruppon ordenyd. And yf he wyll not take hit vppon hym That then Joh. Brown to have the next avoydaunce of the Recourdership aftur the Othe & Charge theruppon Ordenyd.

Tho. Kebull to have the chance of the recorder's office when vacant, and failing him then Joh. Brown.

[1] leaf 256. [2] bracketed together.

Also they be agreyd that who-so-ever shall Ocapie the Offesse of Recourdershyp shall not be of Cowncell nor of fee with the prior of the Cathedrall Chourch of our Lady of Coventre nor with his successoures, nor with noo persown of the Countrey, ajenst any person dwelling withyn the Cite of Coventre.

The recorder not to take part with an outsider against a townsman.

The vijth day of Janiver, the Setourday next aftur the xijth day anno predicto assembled to-gedur: [as p. 524 with the exception of Marler and Kebull.]

Jan. 7, 1486.

ffor-as-moch as soch comynycacion was had & moved by the Mair & his Brethourne on sent Stephons day last past, aftur that the xxviij day of the same monyth of December by the Commaundment[1] of the said Mair & by the assent of dyuersse of his said brethourn, Joh. Smyth was send to London to the said Tho. Kebull & Joh. Broun with ij lettres of credence to them—That yf the said Tho. Kebull wold take hit vppon hym accourding to the copy of the Othe of the office send to hym that he shuld have hit: Whereuppon the said Tho. Kebull hath send to the said Mair & his Brethourn onswere in writing, the whech writing as this day the vijth day of Janiver next Ensuyng per [in] the presence of the Mair & his Brethourn whose names be present was red & declared; Wharby hit aperyth that except that he may be excused of his dwelling and abiding in the Cite, And also licensed to be absent at the ij tymes of the assises and sessions of the peace, he Cannot take hit vppon hym. The whech the said Mair & his said brethourn thowt that hit myȝt not be for the wele & profet of this Cite, & specially to suffer his absens at the tyme of the assise of the sessions of the peace. ffor whech Consideracions the said Mair & his said brethourn as this same day be concluded that the said Joh. Broun shall have the graunt of the next a-voydaunce of the said Offese of Recourdershyp.

Joh. Smith sent to London with letters on this subject.

"The Recorder to be at Sise and Sessions," and Kebull is unable to fulfil these requirements.

[2]Right worshipfull sir, I recomende me vnto you in my most herty wyse desiryng your welfare; prayng you that ye wyll gyff credence to the brynger of this letter in all such thynges as he shall shewe vnto you in my behalf & of my brethern, and that we may knowe by his reporte

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[1] One stroke of "m" missing. [2] Another scribe.

your intent & disposicions in such thynges as he shall meve you in our be-halff. Writtyn at Couentre.

Your true louer Rob. Onley, Mair of the Citie of Couentre.

to Kebull, To the right worshipfull Tho. Kebull be this deliuered.

and to Broun. To the right worshipfull Joh. Broun be this deliuerd.

Jan.2, 1486. Master Broun [1]Right worshipfull and my verray good maister, I recomende me to you, thankyng you in full hertly wyse for your letter; and that it hath pleased you so to

protests his unworthiness, remember me as ye haue don; and of me neuer in eny wyse deseruyd, but I trust hit shal-be my fortune herafter som-thyng to doo that shal-be to your pleasure: Yvyng you in knowlege that as to the office, the which by your letter and the credence therof ys remembred, I think my-self full vnable therto, and also I vnderstande ther wil-be labour made for Maister Tho. Kebell for the same, the which is moche more able then I am. Neuerthelesse if God doo his pleasure with Maister Buttelere, and then it be thought to you and to my maisters, your brethern, that my seruice therin may be to your plesure I wil-be

but shows willingness to accept the office. glad to doo to you [2] and theym therin as good seruice as I can after my symple power. And yf it be put-to me I most only thank you and youre good reporte therfore, for I am not acquynted with eny other Cytesyn of that Citie, but only with you except Maister Symondes[3] and John Smyth, but as ferre as I knowe I am to all other in effect vnknowen. Wherfore I remitte all thyng to you & whatsoeuer shal-be to the plesure of you and of my maisters, your brethern, in this behalf I shall be glad to do with the grace of Jhesu, who euer haue you in his

From London. blessed kepyng. Writtyn at London the Monday next after the fest of the Circumcision of our Lorde.

Yours J. Broun.

To the right worshipfull Rob. Onley, Maire of the Citie of Couentre.

Jan. 3. Right worshipfull, I recomende me vnto you more

[1] leaf 256, back. [2] deletion. [3] Mayor in 1477.

hertily then I can write. Please it to you to knowe that I haue receyued by the berer herof a *lettre* of credence from you and haue right well vnderstand such thynges as he on the behalf of you and your brethern hath shewed vnto me concernyng thoffice of Recorder of your Citie. *Sir*, I hertly thank you for your grete fauour and kyndenes to me of longe tyme passed and nowe shewid in this matier, praying you with all my hert to recomende me in most herty wyse to all my maisters your brether, thankyng theym as hertly as is to me possible for their fauour, good wylles & grete kyndenes that they bere to me therin, by the which ye & they haue bounden me while I shall liff to do that may be for the honure, wele, plesur & proufite of the seid Citie or eny of you herafter to my power, whether I haue the seid office or no.

Master Kebull

expresses hearty gratitude for the offer,

Sir, the seid berer hath shewed to me the oth & charge of the Recorder, which in diuers thynges me thinketh full streyte, as he will shewe vnto you at large. And as to be bounden to be duellyng within the Citie, I can[not] bynde me therto as I haue shewed you a-fore this tyme. Also where for-asmoch as I, vnworthy, am named to be sergeaunt at the lawe, it is douted I shulde not mowe attende you as were necessary. Sir, I concidre well that Maister ffairfax, beyng the kynges sergeaunt was Recorder of York,[1] Maister Starkey,[2] beyng sergeaunt, was Recorder of London, Maister Tremayle, now the kynges sergeaunt, is Recorder of Bristowe, which moveth me to trust that notwithstandyng I were sergeaunt I shulde couenyently doo that shulde be-longe to thoffice of Recorder. Natheless, if I be sergeaunt I thynke I couth not be with you at thassises tyme. Parauentur I shulde be Justice of assise in som other contrey, and therefore, if I were Recorder, I must prouide that all thyng that apperteynyng (*sic*) to the wele of the Citie at thassises tyme shulde be don as well as [if] I were there present. And on-lesse than I may haue liberte to duell out of the Citie, ant[3] to be absent at thassises tyme, yf nede be, I can nott occupie that office.

but considers divers provisions of the oath full strait,

and unless he can obtain divers relaxations of the same, viz. leave of absence and so forth,

must decline the offer.

[1] Sir Guy Fairfax, d. 1495.
[2] Sir Humfrey Starkey, died 1486.
[3] *i. e.* and.

Also, S*ir*, where I am nowe bounden by my fee[1] and more shuld be bounden if I were Recorder to be w*ith* your Citie a-yenst the Prio*ur* of Couentre, yit to bynde me by othe I shulde not be w*ith* hym nor w*ith* eny man, kynnesman ne other, a-yenest a p*ar*ticuler man of the Citie, it is to streyte, not resonable, ne in eny Citie vsed, but remitted to the discrescion of the Recorder, ayenst whom he wil-be, and a-yenest whom he will nott. And if yo*ur* wisdomes after that this berer haue reported vnto you myn entent in this matier woll please accordyng to the same to chese me, vnable, Recorder of yo*ur* Citie, if God visite yo*ur* Recorder that nowe is, I will take hit vppon me and applie me to doo that may please you more for the loue that ye haue to me and I to you then for other cause. And yf ye for eny cause can not thinke me expedient for you, yit for yo*ur* lovyng[2] disposic*i*ons towards*es* me I shall bere my ser*u*ice, loue & good hert to the seid Citie as largely as yf I had be Recorder ther-of [3]auaunced to further degrees in the lawe that hath don in tymes past[3] to my power by Godd*es* g*r*ace, who p*reser*ue you and sende you good lyff and longe. From London the iij^{de} day of Januar*e*.

Yo*ur* own at yo*ur* comaundement

Tho. Kebell.

To the right worshipfull Rob. Onley vt sup*ra*.

RIC. COKE, MAYOR, 1486.

"Couentr*e*." Jan. 25.

[4][Election of officers.]

Electors. . Will. Shor*e*, Joh. Wilgris, Tho. Brodmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thru*m*pton, Rob. Atterton, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Will. Horseley, Hen. Kebull, Will. Marchall, Will. Taillo*ur*, Rob. Colman, Tho. fforde, Rob. Jek*es*, Geff. Arthern, Ric. Smyth, Ric. Lee, Rob. Grene, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Castell, Joh. Swan, Joh. Sissell, Joh. Darlyng.

Officers. [m. Ric. Coke; cor. Rob. Topclyff; steward Joh. Boteler; ch. Jac. Bailly, Tho. Wardelowe; w. Will. Pysford, Tho. Bonde; mace, Will. Nasshe.]

[1] Kebull had evidently been retained in a suit against the prior. See above, p. 474.

[2] deletions. [3–3] Obscure.

[4] leaf 257. Sheriffs, Will. Roweley, Tho. Chircheman.

[And they allow the said Richard (mayor) to make choice of a crier, because J. Shut was elected to the office of crier last year; and the then mayor removed him and put J. Westbury in the place.]

Et proclamatorem remittunt prefato Ricardo ad suam electionem eligendum, eo quod vltimo anno Joh. Shut fuit electus in officium proclamatoris. Et maior tunc temporis eum remouit et Joh. Westbury in officium posuit etc.[1]

[Ric. Coke, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Will. Shore, M.G.S.T., Joh. Wilgrys, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Will. Marchall. J.Ps.

The same, except the recorder and Braytoft.] Key keepers.

THE OFFICIALS' ACCOUNTS.

[2]*Mem.* that the seid Maire in the tyme of his office & be vertue of the same resceyued & made certen payementes of money at diuers tymes be the handes of Tho. Bonde & Will. Pysford, then beyng wardeyns, as appereth hereaftur.

ffirst, where the wardes of þis Cite were cessed þe laste 3ere in the tyme of *Maister* Onley beyng Maire to recontent[3] & paye theym that made chevisshans þerof for the tyme of þe present þat was gyffen vnto Kyng Henre the vij^th^[4] at his comyng first to þis Cite, which remayned vngadered & nowe be þis Maire gadered, as appereth hereafter, of euery warde. King Henry's present.

ffirst, resceyued of þe Collectors of Gosseford warde be þe handes of þe seid wardeyns, resceyued . . vij li. v s. Receipts. Gosford £7 5*s.* 0*d.*;

[Smithford Street, £5 17s. 8d.; Spon Street £11 8s. 9d.; Bayly Lane £12 8s. 7d.; Broad Gate £2 14s. 2d.; Well Street £5 3s. 10d.; Earl Street £13 15s. 6d.; Jorden Well £2 14s. 2d.; Much Park Street £6 16s. 8d.; Cross Cheping £12 12s. 6d.] From Master Onley of such arrearages as remained in his hands £10 0s. 0d. Sum total £90 16s. 10d.] total £90 16*s.* 10*d.*

Off which somme the seid wardeyns be the commaundement of the seid Maire & be the advice of his Brethern made repayement vnto such persones þat made þe prest[5] as sueth:— Payments.

[1] See above, p. 522.
[2] leaf 257, back. [3] "re" interlined.
[4] Henry slept at the mayor's house after Bosworth, and received a cup and £100. [5] = loan.

£3 10s. 10d. ffirst paide to Laur. Saunders etc. iij li. x s. x d.

[To Master Thrumpton £4 0s. 0d.; to Master Horsley £1 16s. 10d.; to Master Burnell £3 0s. 0d.; to Master Draper £7 5s. 10d.; to Master Colyns £5 0s. 0d.; to Master Bradmedowe £13 6s. 8d; to Will. Rowley £3 6s. 8d.; to the steward for Mistress (Maistres) Seman £1 9s. 6d.; to Master Recorder £9 5s. 2d.; to Master Marchall £7 5s. 0d.; to Master Shore £2 5s. 0d.; to Master Marler £2 5s. 0d. Sum total £64 6s. 6d.]

total £64 6s. 6d.

"Provision for King Henry VII." *Mem.* that the seid Wardens paid for brede, ale & wyn & other vitailes þat was hadde to Maister Onleys, he then beyng Maire at the comyng of Kyng Henre.

Bread.

2s. 0d. In primis to Potell, Baker, for ij dossen bredde . ij s.

4s. 0d. Item, paid to Bredon for iiij dossen . . . . iiij s.

2s. 0d. Item, paid to Joh. Edwardes for ij dossen bredde ij s.

Item, to Harryngton for iij dossen bredde & dimidium

3s. 6d. iij s. vjd.

4s. 0d. Item, paid to Cramp for iiij dossen . . . . iiij s.

1s. 0d. Item, paid to Dav. Vgan for j dosen . . . . xij d.

5s. 0d. Item, paid to Joh. Alyn for v dosen . . . . v s.

Item, paid to Laur. Beke for iiij dosen & ij penyworth

4s. 2d. iiij s. ij d.

1s. 0d. Item, paid to Tho. Oures for j dossen . . . . xij d.

10s. 0d. Item, paid to Jas. Baker for x dossen . . . . x s.

2s. 0d. Item, paid to Pipe for ij dossen . . . . . ij s.

Item, paid to Joh. Smyth in Gosforde-strete for iiij dossen

4s. 0d. iiij s.

total £2 2s. 8d. Summa xlij s. viij d.

Wine; [1] Paid for wyn.

claret In primis paid to Will. Webbe pur j pype Claret wyn

£3 0s. 0d. iij li.

red wine Item, paid to Will. Ekffurth pur j pype Redde-wyn

total £6 0s. 0d. iij li.

Summa vj li.

Ale; Paid for ale.

5s. 0d. In primis to Maister Marchall for iij Cestre [2] . v s.

3s. 0d. Item, paid to Ric. Lokyer for ij Cestre . . . iij s.

1s. 6d. Item, paid to Tho. Hadley for j Cestre . . xviij d.

[1] leaf 258. [2] = sextary, here probably the 6th part of a gallon.

Item, *paid* to Joh. Buter for j Cestre . . . . xviij d.	1*s.* 6*d.*
Item, to Rob. Goldsmyth for j Cestur . . . . xx d.	1*s.* 8*d.*
Item, *paid* to Ringold for j Cest*ur* . . . . xx d.	1*s.* 8*d.*
Item, *paid* to Eliz. Colet for j Cestre . . . . xx d.	1*s.* 8*d.*
Item, *paid* to Barnebroke for j Cestre . . . xviij d.	1*s.* 6*d.*
Item, *paid* to Will. Tybbott*es* for ij Cestre . . iij s.	3*s.* 0*d.*
Item, *paid* to Tho. Grove for ij Cestre . . . iij s.	3*s.* 0*d.*
Item, *paid* to Johane Wynhale for ij Cestre . . iij s.	3*s.* 0*d.*
Item, *paid* to Hen. fflecher for a Cestur . . . xviij d.	1*s.* 6*d.*
Item, *paid* to Joh. Westbury for a Cest*ur* . . xviij d.	1*s.* 6*d.*
Item, *paid* to Maude Smyth for ij Cestre . . iij s.	3*s.* 0*d.*
Item, paid to Tho. Bagot for vj Cestur . . . ix s.	9*s.* 0*d.*
*Sum*ma to*talis* xlj s. iiij d.	total £2 11*s.* 4*d.*
Paid for vitels.	Victuals; sheep £2 10*s.* 0*d.*
In primis, to Hen. Colyns for xx motons . . l s.	
Item, paid to Tho. Turnour & Tho. Wardlowe for ij Oxen . . . . . xl s.	2 oxen £2 0*s.* 0*d.*
Item, paid to Maist*er* Marchall for iiij stokffysshes ij s.	fish; 2*s.* 0*d.*
Item, paid to Rob. Colman for iij stokffysshes xviij d.	1*s.* 6*d.*
*Sum*ma to*talis* iiij li. xiij s. vj d.	total £4 13*s.* 6*d.*
Paid for wax.	
Item, paid to Joh. Baron, Barbour, for xv lb. wax and for makyng of the same . . . . . xj s. iij d.	wax; 11*s.* 3*d.*
Item, paid to Joh. Padland for Candell . . . xx d.	1*s.* 8*d.*
Item, to the same John for ix peny pott*es* . . ix d.	pots 9*d.*
Item, to the same John for ij doss*en* Goddardes[1] xv d.	1*s.* 3*d.*
*Sum*ma to*talis* xiiij s. xj d.	total 14*s.* 11*d.*
[2] Mem. paid by the seid wardens to diu*ers* p*er*sones, as it appereth written in a boke That lieth in the Councell house, for such stuff that was fette to the feld of Kyng Ric*hard*[3] . . . . . vj li. viij s. ix d.	"King Rich. 3*d.*; provision sent to Bosworth ffeild." £6 8*s.* 9*d.*
Item, paid to Rog. a Lie for ij doss*en* & a dimid*ium* bredde . . . . . xv d.	1*s.* 3*d.*
Item, paid to Laur. Beke for ij doss*en* bred . xij d.	1*s.* 0*d.*
Item, p*aid* to Spens*er*, Baker, for j doss*en* . . vj d.	6*d.*
Item, paid to Rob. Mason for xvj Cestur*e* ale . . vj s.	6*s.* 0*d.*
Item, p*aid* to Tho. Bagot for xvj Cestur*e* ale . vj s.	6*s.* 0*d.*
Item, p*aid* to M*aister* Marchall for ale . . . x s.	10*s.* 0*d.*

[1] A drinking cup or goblet (*N. E. D.*).
[2] leaf 258, back. [3] Bosworth Field, Aug. 22, 1485.

4s. 0d. Item, paid to Ric. Lee for viij Cestur ale . . iiij s.

6s. 0d. Item, paid to Heddes Wyfe for xvj Cestur ale . vj s.

total £8 3s. 6d. Summa viij li. iij s. vj d.

For Maideford, hurt at Bosworth Item, payde be the Meirs commaundement towardes þe hurt þat Tho. Maideford had in þe fylde for þe parte of Rob. Colman, þen beyng Maister of the Gylde of Corpus

2s. 6d. *Christi* . . . . . ij s. vj d.

Item, for reparacion of Rob. Dadyngton house

3s. 4d. iij s. iiij d.

total 5s. 10d. Summa v s. x d.

total of the whole payment £8 8s. 3d. Summa totalis solucionis $\overset{xx}{\text{iiij}}$ viij li. viij s. iij d.

Balance £2 8s. 7d. which the mayor delivers to his successor, Jan. 9, 1487, And so the seid Maire rested in arrerages the somme of xlviij s. vij d. which somme þe seid Maire delivered vnto Tho. Baylly, his successour, þe ix day of Januare, then beyng present with þe seid Tho. Bailly, Maire, in þe Gild hall Hen. Marler, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Joh. Thrumpton, Ric. Colyns, Will. Horseley & oþer. Et sic quietus recessit.

and departs quit. Further receipts and payments. Item, þe seid Ric. Coke beyng Maire resceyued of Jas. Bailly & Tho. Wardelowe then Chamberleyns xli., which the seid Maire delyuered to þe wardeyns aboue-writon to be disposed vppon reparacion of þe lyffelode perteynyng to þe Chambre of þe Towne, wherof þe seid wardeyns maden pleyn accompt as appereth in þe boke of their accompte etc.

Quietus.

THO. BAYLLY, MAYOR, 1487.

"Couentre." ¶ [1] [Election of officers.]

Ric. Colyns, Rob. Onley, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Rob. Atterton, Will. Marchall, Will. Shore, Rob. Burnell, Hen. Kebull, Ric. Alen, Tho. Bagot, Tho. fforde, Ric. Pulton, Galf. Arthern, Tho. Maideford, Ric. Lee, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Swan, Joh. Syssell, Will. Hardy, Joh. Darlyng, Joh. Padland.

Officers. [m. Tho. Baylly; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Ric. Jakson, Will. fflecchcr, Sherman, "manente apud Mil-lane"[2]; w. Will. Haddon, mercer, Joh. Whitgreve; mace, Will. Nasshe; crier, Joh. Toures.

[1] leaf 259. Scribe B. Sheriffs, John Duddesbury, Hugh Huyton.
[2] dwelling at Mill Lane.

THE MAYOR'S HOSTELRY.

[They will and ordain that the aforesaid Tho. Bailly takes down the sign hanging before his door before the feast of Candlemas.

And that henceforth in future he shall not hold a common hostelry under pain of £100.]

Et volu*n*t & ord*inant* quod predict*us* Tho. Bailly citra festum Pur*i*ficac*ionis* B. Marie *proximo* futur*um* deponat signu*m* suu*m* pendente*m* ad hostiu*m* suu*m*.

Et quod deinde in futuro non t[en]eat co*mmune* hospiciu*m* sub pena Centu*m* li*brarum*.[1]

THO. BAGOT, MAYOR, 1488.

"Couentre." Jan. 25.

[2] ¶ [Election of officers.]

Electors.

Hen. Marler, Tho. Bredmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, sen., Joh. Thru*m*pton, Will. Marchall, Ric. Colyns, Will. Horseley, Hen. Kebull. Ric. Coke, Ric. Lee, Will. Roweley, Gal. Arthern, Tho. Chircheman, Joh. Duddesbury, Ric. Smyth, Will. Taillour, Joh. Swan, Rob. Grene, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Sissell, Joh. Castell, Joh. Darlyng, Will. Hardy.

Officers.

[m. Tho. Bagot; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Ed. Barbo*ur*, Tho. Padland; w. Joh. Hadon, Joh. Reynold, walker; mace, Will. Nasshe; crier, Joh. Toures.

J.Ps.

Tho. Bagot, m., Hen. Boteler, rec., Hen. Marler, M.G.S.T., Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Marchall.

Key-keepers.

The same, except the recorder and Marchall.]

THE FIFTEENTH.

[3] Here followen the names of þe Collecto*ur*s of þe half xv peny payable at Missome*r* next comyng within the Towne of Couentre which cometh to þe some of xxv li.

[*Gosford-warde:* Ed. Hadley, Rob. Steyn, £2. 18s. 0d.

Jurden-well: Tho. Baron, wirdrawer, Ric. Wilson, £2. 0s. 0d.

Mich-park-strete: Joh. Stanlowe, Will. Burglen, Baker, £2. 10s. 0d.

[1] It was illegal for victuallers to hold any municipal office, though the law was frequently infringed. For leet juries see below leaf 335. Was Master Marchall one of the corporation? He was evidently a victualler. See p. 531.

[2] leaf 259. Sheriffs, Joh. Mathewe, Tho. Turnour.

[3] leaf 259, back.

Erle-strete: Nic. Hill, Hen. Palmer, £3. 0*s.* 0*d.*

Bailly-lane: Joh. Couper, Ric. Garton, £1. 18s. 0d.

Brode-ȝate: Raffe ffreman, Maurc. John, Coruiser, £1. 5s. 0d.

Smythford-strete: Rob. Dadyngton, Joh. Bocher, Baker, £2. 0s. 0d.

Crossechepyng: Joh. Pope, Joh. Wardelowe, Joh. Gyllyng, £3. 16s. 0d.

Spon-strete: Will. Godelad, Joh. Brygges, Capper, £2. 16s. 8d.

Wel-strete: Joh. Gerles, Will. Rose, £2. 16s. 8d.]

Foreigners £6 8*s.* 8½*d.*

Here ffolowen the fforeyns, & what euery hamell payeth at a half xv^{e}, which cometh to þe somme of vj li. viij s. viij d. ob.

[Stychehall 12s. 2d.; Exhall 17s. 2d.; Weston 2s.; Sowe & Caloughden 8s.; Stoke & Byggyng, Pynley & Whitley, 15s. 10½d.; Wykyn 13s. 6d.; Cowndon & Radford 13s. 6d.; Shilton 8d.; Ansty £1. 5s. 3d.; ffolshill £1 1s. 10d.; Keresley 13s. 7d. Total £7. 3s. 6½d.]

ROB. COLMAN, MAYOR, 1489.

Jan. 25.

[[1] Election of officers.]

Electors.

Will. Horsley, Rob. Onley, miles, Joh. Wildegrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Kebull, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bailly, Ric. Lee, Will. Rowley, Tho. ffurde, Ric. Pulton, Joh. Dovue, Ric. Smyth, Gal. Arthern, Tho. Maydeford, Rob. Crosse, Will. Cramp, Joh. Swan, Rob. Smyth, Ed. Holcote.

Officers.

[m. Rob. Colman; cor. Rob. Topclyff; steward, Joh. Boteler; ch. Joh. Clyff, Joh. Alen; w. Rog. Baker, Ric. Plumpton; mace, Will. Nasshe, "de sua bona gestura," crier, Joh. Toures "ad voluntatem *maioris*."[2]]

THE FIFTEENTH.

June 24, 1489.

[3] Her followen the names of the Collectours of the half xv peny payable at Midsomer anno domini M^{l} iiij c ix

[1] leaf 261. Sheriffs, Rob. Grene, Joh. Padland. A scribe of E. type.
[2] At the mayor's will.
[3] leaf 260. Scribe of E type. For sums in each ward *v.* pp. 533–4.

wyth-in the tovne of Coventre, the wich cometh to the somme of xxv li. £25 0s. 0d.

Gosford-warde: Ryc. ffarwell, dyer, Joh. Erlle, Smyeth, Will. Bromley, wirdrawer.

Jerden-well-ward: Ryc. Glew, taylor, Ryc. Schemyng, draper.

Mich-parke-stret ward: Joh. Stanlowe, Will. Burglym,[1] bayker.

Erle-stret ward: Will. Rokardyne, Joh. Throwley, Ryc. Stokkes.

Baylle-lane vard (sic): Will. Morley, Joh. Boteler, girdeler, Joh. Wodward.

Broydyate vard: Joh. Sparke, sadler, Will. Rynggold, Joh. Harres, clerk.

Smythford-strete: Ryc. Baron, draper, Herre Myll, Cor[vi]ser, Tho. Inster,[2] Corviser.

Croschepyng vard: Ryc. Brigman, Joh. Wardelowe, Joh. Pope.

Spon-strete: Laur. Beeke, [3]Bateman, Whyttawer, Will. Carter.

Wel-stret: Tho. Baylle, brewer, Joh. Gerwes, dyer.

Summa xxv li. Total £25 0s. 0d.

TALE-BEARING.

[4]*By the Kynge.* Dec. 12.

Trusty and wel-beloued, we grete you wele; And wher-as by the contynue[5] of a supplicacion to vs on your behalue by certain of your neighburs lately presented, We perceyue that reapportes haue ben made vnto you that Ric. Reynold and Johanne his wyf at their beyng in our housholde shulde noyse and disclaundre that our Citie, sayeing that ther shulde not be thre true men vnto vs that were scarlet,[6] and that the substance of all the inhabitantes of the same be false traytours; by occasyon of which reportes ye take grete discourage and hevinesse, feryng that we shulde yeue credence to the same and to estraunge therfore the fauour of our grace from you; We late you wete that we bere noo such miscontent nor oppinion

The king hearing that the Coventry people are distressed at the bearing of false reports concerning them to his ears,

[1] or Burglymur. [2] or Juster. [3] Blank. [4] leaf 261.
[5] = contents. [6] *i. e.* of official rank.

a-yenst you, ner eny other inhabitant*es* there, but consideryng the largesse of yo*ur* trouthes and dueties to vs at all tymes hertofore exp*er*imently[1] shewed and naturally app*ro*ued, we take you all in as sing*u*lier and speciall fauo*ur* of o*ur* grace as we doo any p*er*sonnes of any other our Citiees w*ith*in this our Reame. And therfore thinke ner haue non other oppinion ner conceipt in vs, for the dede therof shall effectuelly folowe, as ye shall p*ar*faitly vnderstande in any youre resonable matiers or causes to be poursued vnto vs her-after; Wherin ye may be recomfordted and ioyous and haue full trust and vndoubted affiance therunto; acertaynyng you that for the knowlege of the said disclaunderous langage we haue doo examined as well the seid Reynold as his wyf as the p*er*sones rapporters of the same. In part wherof we conceyve the same[3] Reynold to be defectyf and gilty to o*ur* greuos[1] displeas*ir*; for the which we haue putt hym to punysshement here; Praying you to content yo*ur* myndes therwith, sith the reproche resteth in hym; And that it like you non otherwise to entreate hym in his matiers and causes[2] amonge*s* you herafter than other his neyburs and accordyng w*ith* thequite of o*ur* lawes and good consciens as o*ur* trust is in you. Yeuen vnder o*ur* signet at o*ur* palais of Westm[ynstre] the xij day of Decembre.

assures them of the continuance of his favour;

he has examined the tale-bearers,

and punished Reynold;

who is henceforward to be lawfully and impartially dealt with.

From Westminster.

SEDITIONS.

Dec. 14.

[3] *By the Kyng.*

The King wills that any one uttering seditious

Trusty and wil-belouid, we grete you wele, and vnderstande by yo*ur* writyng that ye as oure true and lovyng subgett*es* attached & comytted lately to warde two p*er*sones of that oure Cite for disclosure & vtter*a*unce of certain seducious langage a-yenst their naturall duete of ligeance, ffor the which your ffeithfull acquitail we can you our speciall thank, Praying you of yo*ur* good continuaunce if eny like matier happenne there herafter: Wyllyng & chargyng you that, yf vppon yo*ur* exa*mina*cion ye can

[1] By experience. The first example in the *N. E. D.* is dated 1546, where it is stated that the word occurs only in the phrase *to know experiměntly.*

[2] deletions. [3] leaf 261, back.

fynde the seid p*er*sones culpable in this behalue, ye than the next m*ar*ket day punysshe thaim accordyng to their ofienses aftur yo*ur* discrescions, whereby ye shall gretely please vs. Yeven vnder our signet at o*ur* paleys of Westm[ynstre], the xiiij day of Decembr*e*.

language in the future be punished upon the market day.

To our trusty and wel-biloued the Maire and shirrefes of oure Citie of Couentre.

THE RECORDER.

[1]*By the Kyng.*

Trusty and wel-beloued, we grete you well; and ffor-asmoche as we be enformed that it hath plesyd our blessed Creatur to Calle late ffrom this vncertain and transorite (*sic*) lif vnto hys grett and inestimable mercy yo*ur* late Recordour, and ffor the wele and politike direction off o*ur* Cite there ye must hastely procede vnto theleccion off an-other p*er*sonne to succede the said office, we, tendring the weall off our said Cite, and Consideryng that it is oon of moost honor and substance in thys our Royalme, and that he which schall occupie and exercise that Rome must often-tymes haue in hande diuerse matiers Confermyng the said direction and vniu*er*sall wele off the same, woll and desire you that wha*n* yt be condescendyd vpon any p*er*sone to occupie the said Rome ye will byffor ye fully determyng therein certefie vs off hys name to thentent that ye may knowe what ys o*ur* mynde and plais*ir* in that p*ar*tie. By the weche we entende not to lette nor enterupte your liberte but to adu*er*sitese[2] you for the good disposiccion off that office; and tha[t] ye wyll ffolowe our entent and mynde heren as we trust you. Yeuen vndur our signet at our Manor of Grenewyche the viij day of January.

Jan. 8, 1490. The recorder having died, the king

commands that the name of the

candidate be submitted to him.

To our trusty and wel-beloued the Maire, aldermen and Shirffes off þis our Cite of Couentre and the Commen Counsell off the same.

[1] Scribe C.

[2] Not in *N. E. D.* Blunder for advertise in the sense of advise, admonish.

VAGABONDS.

Jan. 10, 1490.

[1] *Mem.* that þe x^th^ day of Januare *anno* quinto *Regis* Henr*ici* septi*mi* ther was delyue*re*d fro the Kynge*s* grace a p*ri*ue signet vnto M*aster* R. Colman, Mair of þis Cite; the tenour wherof hereaftur ensueth.

By the Kyng.

The king,

[2] Trusty and wel-beloued, we grett you well; and where-as we heretoffor vpon due informacyon þ*at* many theves, riotto*urs*, vacabunde*s* and suspect pe*r*sones were resortyng & abidyng in diue*r*se Cites, townes, & burghes

hearing of the congregating of vagabonds, gamesters and suspected persons in towns,

wi*th*in this o*ur* Roya*u*me, & th[e]re by their Reciptours schortely [3] ffauored, loged and succo*u*red to the gret anoiante, hurt, damage and inquietacion of our subgiete*s*, addressed o*ur* lett*re*s vnto the Justices off o*ur* peas, shirrife*s* and other officers & Rulers off the same place*s*, straitly Chargyng them by the same that they shulde secretly make due and diligent serche at a ce*r*tan houre in the night where any such misruled folkes were hauntyng, and therupon to see them taken and punysshed as the cas required: Through thexecutyng weroff thes enormilies [4] (*sic*) and misbehavyng, [which] as we vndirstonde were grett, cessed, and o*ur* subgiete*s* put to great suretie and quiet. We be enformed þ*at* of late sith such serch was left many like pe*r*sones mysruled, in especiall hase*r*ders, dicers & Carders ben eftesones drawyng vnto diue*r*s place*s* within our Towne there, and within the same by diue*r*s folkes ar recetted,[5] coue*r*ted [6] & socored to the subue*r*cion of goode rule & disturbance of our true liegemen there: Wherfo*re* we intendyng the reforma*cion* of the same & þe punysshement of þe seid mysruled pe*r*sones accordyng to

charges the city rulers at

their offence*s*, woll & desire yewe, and natheles straitly charge yewe, that ye callyng unto yewe such pe*r*sones as ȝe shall thynk necessarie for this intent in as priue & secret wyse as ye shall mowe best diuise, make like serche vppon

10 o'clock on the night of Jan. 18 to

the xviij day of this p*r*esent moneth at x of the clok in the nyght in all place*s* within your iurisdicc*i*on, where it

[1] leaf 262. Scribe B. [2] Scribe C. [3] *sic.* ? secretly.
[4] Not in *N. E. D.* Read enormity = a breach of law or morality.
[5] *i. e.* received. [6] To cover, conceal; v. *N. E. D.*

shal-be by yewe thought expedient & nedefull; and all such p*er*sones as ye shall fynde noted of suspect guydyng, has*ar*dyng, dysyng or cardyng ye com*mi*tte to suer warde ther to remayne till hit be sufficiently p*ro*ued whether they be defectyf in the seid crymes or not; procedyng ferther ayenst such of theym as shal-be founde faultie as shall accorde w*ith* our lawes and as þe case shall requyre. Fayle ye not herof, all o*þer* besynes set aparte, as ye & eu*er*y of yowe tendre oure singler pleas*ir* and woll eshewe þe contrarie. Yeuen vnder our signet at our Man*or* of Grenewych þe vij day of Januare.

make search for all such persons

and punish them according to law.

From Greenwich, Jan. 7, 1490.

To oure trusti & wel-beloued *the* Maire & aldermen of our Cite of Couentre.

ffor accomplisshyng the Kynges pleasur in the p*re*missez the seid Maire þe xviijth day of Januare afforeseid callyng to hym his Brethern, that is to seye, Rob. Onley, knyght,[1] Hen. Kebull, Joh. Wilgrise, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thru*m*pton, Ric. Braytoft, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Will. Shore, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bailly, Tho. Bagot, Rog. Sutton & Ric. Chapman, shirrifs, which at þat tyme callyng to their remembraunces & p*er*fetly vndirstandyng be þe seid writyng the kynges pleasur in þe p*re*missez, were agreed & ordeyned that all þe 3ates of the Towne shuld be shut þis nyght at ix of þe clok be þe com*i*en se*ri*ant, & þat to be doon as p*ri*uely as coude be, he þer*to* to be sworne; and þat eu*er*y alderman in his warde, callyng to hym x or xij as he thought goode to accu*m*peny with hym & sworne w*ith* the othe þat her foloweth, to make serch, eu*er*y alderman in his owne warde; the wach to begyn at x in þe nyght, & such as they fynde suspecte to bryng theym to warde.

"A priue search for vagabonds." Jan. 18.

And in like wyse the shirriffs to make serch all þe suberbes of þis Cite & Radford.

Also they woll þat Joh. Clyff, chamb*er*leyn, or on for hym with þe p*ar*ker of Caloughdon & Robynson, se*ri*ant, with viij or ix with theym to ride in fensible[2] wyse to Shilton, Anstey, Sowe, Caloughdon to make serch there etc.

[1] Onley was knighted by Henry VII on his visit to Coventry.
[2] = able to defend themselves.

Item, þat Joh. Alyn, the other Chamberleyn, & Step. Weist with hym & viij or ix other such as they woll call vnto theym shall make like serch at Exhale, ffolshill, & Keresley.

Item, Rog. Baker, on of þe wardeyns, & Joh. Griffith, seriant, with viij or ix with theym in lyke wyse make serch in Stoke, Byggyng & Wykyn etc.

Item, Ric. Plumpton with Joh. Ryngold with viij or ix with theym in like wyse at Whitley, & þe Milles & Stychall.

Item, Joh. Dove & Will. fflecchер, sherman, with viij with theym to make like serch without þe Gosseford ȝate, & without þe Newe ȝate & the Milles there.

RIC. LEE, MAYOR, 1490.

"Couentre." Jan. 25.

¶ [1Election of officers.]

Electors. Hen. Kebull, Rob. Onley, Joh. Wylgrys, Tho. Bradmedowe, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Ric. Coke, Tho. Baylly, Tho. Bagot, Ric. Smyth, Joh. Sissell, Will. fflecher, Joh. Darlyng, Tho. ffoorde, Gal. Arthern, Joh. Duddesbury, Rob. Grene, Tho. Maydeford, Rob. Smyth, Will. Roweley, Joh. Castell.

Officers. [m. Ric. Lee; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Tho. Plant, Rob. Shawebury; w. Joh. Dwale, Tho. Baron, Wiredrawer;

Crier. mace, Will. Nash; crier, Joh. Toures "ad placitum Maioris."]

2THE FIFTEENTH.

Nov. 11, 1490. [Collectors of the half fifteenth within the town payable at Martinmas 6 Hen. VII.

Gosford ward: Hen. Townnesyend, Joh. Payne, Deister, Rog. Billyngesley.[3]

Jordan Well: Will. Huet, Ric. Wylson.

Much Park Street: Hugh Gough, Hen. Cartar.

Earl Street: Hugh Dawes, Tho. Russell, Joh. Smyth, Taillour.

Bayly Lane: Rob. Colas, Tho. Camell.

[1] leaf 263, back. Scribe B. Bailiffs, Rog. Sutton, Ric. Chapman, not elsewhere given.

[2] leaf 264. Scribe of C type. [3] For sums see p. 533–4.

Broadgate: Mores John, Joh. Crosley.

Smithford Street: Will. fflynt, Tho. Bredon.

Cross Cheaping: Ric. Bristowe, Barbour, Hen. Perkyns, Tho. Doue, Will. Burbage.[1]

Spon Street: Whaburley Mores, Walker, Ric. Couentre, Capper.

Well Street: Ric. Hykman, Will. Davy, Elys, Bruer.

The "forrens" and "hamells" pay altogether £7 3s. 6½d.

See p. 534 for names of places and amounts. "ffor Boyswast" is substituted for "Weston" here.]

ALE TASTERS' NAMES.

[2] Ale Tasters.

[*Spon Street ward:* Rob. Coyte, Roper, Will. Bryg, Capper, Stevyn Pynnoke.

Bishop Street warde: Joh. Longshawe, Taillour, Joh. a Lye, dyer, Will. Jakson, Milner.

Earl[3] *Street:* Tho. Hynde, Tayllour, Mayowe, sherman.

Jordan Well: Tho. Waroun, wyredrawer, Will. Oddon, Dyer, Tho. Shuffenall,[4] Cardemaker.

Gosford Street ward: Rob. ffysshepole, Coruiser, Har. Coke, Coke.

"*With-oute þe yate*": Will. Lokok, Carter, Crysteffor Johnson, peyntour.

Much Park Street: Tho. Tylleot, sherman, Ric. Goldman, coruiser.

Bayly Lane: Hen. Locok, Girdeler, Will. Wyke, Capper.

Smithford Street: Rob. fflecche, Will. Heth, Taillour.

Broadgate: Will. Herve, Tayllour, Rob. Hunt, peyntour.

Crosscheaping ward: Joh. Broun, weuer, Ric. Brigeman.]

JOH. WYGSTON, MAYOR, 1491.

¶ [5] Election of officers.] "Couentre." Jan. 25. Electors.

Rob. Onley, Miles, Joh. Wylgrys, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen.

[1] lvj s. viij d. deleted. [2] leaf 264, back.
[3] "yerl" in MS. [4] Shifnal, Staffs.
[5] leaf 266. Scribe B. Bailiffs not elsewhere mentioned, Tho. Pittes, Tho. Wardelow.

Marler, Hen. Kebull, Ric. Cooke, Tho. Baylly, Tho. Bagot, Rob. Colman, Tho. Chircheman, Will. Roweley, Gal. Arthern, Joh. Gryme, Tho. Maideford, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Darlyng, Ed. Hulcote, Will. ffoorde, Joh. Sissell, Joh. Hadon.

New officers. [m. Joh. Wygston;[1] cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Joh. Whithed, Ric. Clerk, Baker; w. Joh. Broune, Rob. Mason; mace, Will. Nasshe; crier, Joh. Toures.

WILL. ROWLEY, MAYOR, 1492.

Jan. 25. [Election of officers.]

Electors. [2]Ric. Cooke, Joh. Wylgrise, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Tho. Bailly, Rob. Colman, Tho. Bagot, Ric. Lee, Rob. Grene, Gal. Arthern, Tho. Maideford, Rog. Sutton, Joh. Padland, Tho. Wardelowe, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Sissell, Ed. Hulcote, Ed. Barbour, Joh. Raynold, Ric. Jakson.

Officers. [m. Will. Roweley; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Rog. Wode, Dyer, Will. Deister; w. Rog. Chamber, Alex. Horseley, dyer; mace, Will Nasshe; crier, Joh. Toures.][3]

THE FIFTEENTH.

April 1, 1492. [4][Collectors of a whole fifteenth payable April 1, 7 Hen. VII. Total £50.

Gosford ward: £5 16s. 0d. Ed. Hadley, Will. Kirkeby, baker, Rob. Kirkeland, Collectours there.

Jordan Well ward: £4 0s. 0d. Ric. Walton, plomer, Will. Mirihurst, Will. Stele.

Much Park Street ward: £5 0s. 0d. Ric. Raynold, Rog. Brette, Rog. Lee, baker.

Earl Street ward: £6 0s. 0d. Joh. Couper, Tho. fflecher, Joh. Thressher.

Bayly Lane: £3 16s. 0d. Joh. Wode,[5] Tho. Banbroke.

Broadgate: £2 10s. 0d. Joh. Julyans, Joh. Smyth, Rog. Bromley.

[1] "This mayor did strive against our Lady place in the Whit Friers," Fretton, *White Friars*, 10. This refers to the image of our Lady kept in the Lady Tower by Newgate.
[2] leaf 268. [3] Other officials wanting. [4] leaf 268, back.
[5] "Ric. Garton" deleted.

Smithford ward: £4 0s. 0d. Tho. Pace, Tho. Plomer, Ric. Kent, sadeler.

Cross-Cheaping ward: £7 12s. 0d. Hen. Sampson, Joh. Gillyng, Rog. Muklawe, Tho. May, Bochour.

Spon Street ward: £5 13s. 4d. Rob. Bateman, Joh. Bote, Joh. Thomlynson.

Well Street ward: £5 13s. 4d. Owen Birches, Will. Potell, Joh. Gibbes. Total, £50 0s. 4d.]

Here ffoloweth þe fforreyns & hamels within þe shire of þe Cite of Couentre & what euery hamell & Towne paieth at the hole xv which cometh to þe some at þe hole paie xij li. xvij s. v d.

[Stivichall £1 4s. 4d.; Sow and Calaudon 16s.; Pinley, Bigging, Stoke and Whitley £1 11s. 9d. Wiken £1 7s. 0d.; Coundon and Radford £1 7s. 0d.; Shilton 1s. 4d.; Ansty £2 10s. 6d.; Foleshill £2 3s. 8d.; Weston 2s. "*pro* Boyeswast"; Exhall £1 14s. 4d.; Kersley £1 7s. 2d.

Total £14 6s. 5d.[1]]

EASTER LEET.

"Couentre." Apr. 26.

¶ [2][V. f. p. held before Will. Roweley m., Will. fforth, Tho. Padland b., on Thursday after S. George's day 7 Hen. VII.]

Jury.

Ric. Coke, Joh. Wilgris, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Rob. Colman, Tho. Bailly, Tho. Bagot, Ric. Lee, Joh. Wigston, Rob. Grene, Will. Taillour, Ric. Smyth, Geff. Arthern, Joh. Duddesbury, Joh. Padland, Rog. Wode, Will. Deister, Rog. Chambre, Alex. Horseley, Rob. Smyth.

Orders of leet.

At þis present lete hit was ordeyned that all maner places within the Wel-strete-warde, which afore-tyme haue be dwellyng places in whech no persones nowe dwell, but be occupied with malt makyng or other wyse, that they shal-be contributorye after the rate of [4] there occupying to all charges to be borne within the seid warde.

[3] "Vacand houses contributory to þe warde." [3]

[1] ? Queer Arithmetic. [2] leaf 268.
[3–3] In contemporary handwriting by this scribe.
[4] MS. inserts "the" here.

[1] "þe wardes to be newe extended."

Also at þe same lete hit was ordeyned that all þe wardes *with*in þe Cite shuld be newe extended betwixt *þat* & Lamas then next folowyng.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

"Couentre." Oct. 9.

¶ [2] [V. f. p. held on Tuesday, on S. Dionysius' day, 8 Hen. VII.]

Jury.

Ric. Coke, Joh. Wilgris, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thru*m*pton, Will. Shore, Hen. Marler, Tho. Bailly, Tho. Bagot, Ric. Lee, Rob. Grene, Will. Taillo*ur*, Ric. Smyth, Tho. Chircheman, Gal. Arthern, Joh. Dove, Tho. Maideford, Joh. Duddesbury, Joh. Mathewe, Rog. Wode, Rog. Chambre, Alex. Horseley, Ric. Alen, Will. Pisford.

[1] "Eleccio vice-*comitum*."

[Tho. Bonde, Joh. Haddon.]

[1] "for swynsties."

Hit is ordeyned at *þis* present lete that all man*er* men *þat* haue swynsties within þe walles of þis Cite that they avoide theym betwixt *þat* [and] C*h*ristemas þen next folowyng, vppon þe peyn to lese at eu*e*ry defalt vj s. viij d.

6*s*. 8*d*. fine.

[1] "ffor avowtere & vsure."

It is also ordeyned that yf here*after* eny man of worship within þis Citie that hath be Maire or eny p*er*son that be sclandred in the synnes of avowtre, ffornicac*i*on or vsure which haue be warned to amend the*m* of such vic*es* & woll not, but contynue in the same, and therof detected, that then such p*er*sone, yf he haue be Maire to be deprived of his cloke, & of the Counceill of this Cite, neu*er* to pr*o*cede ferther to other office of worship as Maist*er* of þe Gilde or other; & to be eloyned from all worship & goode companye till he fynde sufficient and suer caucion or suertie of amende*ment*: and in like wyse yf such offendo*ur* haue be shirrif or other offic*er* or co*m*iener they neu*er* to pr*o*cede nor to be called to ferther worship, nor auau*n*ced but vtterly to be estraunged from all goode company, as is afores*e*id.[3]

Punishment of officials,

mayor,

sheriff and commoners.

[1] "That pristes kepe þe quer dayly." [1]

Also that all Craftes and mysteries within this Cite *þat* fynde pristes to syng & pray for them, that they gyfe straitly in charge to their seid pristes to kepe the quer dayly as-well vppon the werk daies as vppon the holy

[1] In this scribe's handwriting. [2] leaf 269, back.

[3] See *Social England* II. 565 for regulations for the suppression of immorality in London, Bristol and Gloucester under Henry VII.

daies, in encreasyng of dyuyn seruice dayly to be songon in the parish Chirches of þis Cite.

Also that no person within þis Cite ffrohensfurth kepe, hold, resceyue nor fauour eny Tapster, or Woman of evell name, fame or condicion to whom eny resorte is of synfull disposicion, hauntyng the synne of lechery, vppon þe peyn of euery householder to lese at euery defalt xx s. And that euery persone that hath such tenaunt kepyng such suspect persones in his house after knowlech be made to hym of such guydyng be an officer, but yf he voide such tenaunt, he to lese xl s.

[1] "For Tapsters & harlattes." [1]

Also þat no Tapster nor oþer persone frohensfforth resceyue nor fauour eny mannes prentes or seruaunt of þis Cite in his house ther to spend eny money or to company with eny woman of evell name, or other person of vnsadde disposicion, or other person diffamed, ayenst the will of his maister, vppon þe peyn to lese at euery defalt vj s. viij d.

[1] "For resceyuyng of prentes & mennes seruauntes."

Also that no senglewoman, beyng in good hele & myghty in body to labour within þe age of l yeres, take nor kepe frohensfurth housez nor chambres be them-self; nor that [they] take eny Chambre within eny oþer persone, but þat they go to seruice till they be maried, vppon þe peyn who doth þe contrarie to lese at þe first defalt vj s. viij d. & at þe ij^de^ defalt to be comyt to prison, there to abide tyll they fynde suerte to go to seruice. And that euery such persone [that] resceyue eny such persones, or set them eny house or Chambre, to lese at þe first defalt xx s., at þe ij^de^ defalt xl s. & at þe iij^de^ defalt to be comyt to prison, there to remayn till he fynde suerte to conforme hym-selfe to þis ordenaunce.

[1] "For sengle women þat they take no Chambres."

Fines, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Also at þis lete is ordeyned that þe hatmakers shal-be contributory to þe Craft of Mercers, & also obeye all goode ordenaunces to be made for the comien wele & worship of þis Cite.

[1] "Hatmakers contributory to Mercers."

Also hit is ordeyned that þe Chaumberleyns of þis Cite frohensforth charge euery house for payement of þe Murage but after þe rate of þe rent of þe seid house & no ferther, and not to distreyn ther for other housez, whech such persone hath not in possession.

[1] "Howe distresse shal-be taken for murage."

[1] In this scribe's handwriting.

[1] "The orlde (?) wardeyns to be paide be þe maire."

Also hit is ordeyned that ffrohensforth the Chamberleyns & wardeyns of þis Cite, which shal-be here-after, to whom money shal-be owyng be þis Cite vppon their accompt, shall-be content & paide such dette to them owyng be their successours that shall succede them within þe 3er or at þe ferrest at their accompt, vppon the peyn of such person denying such payement to lese x li., xx s. per-of to þe Maire, & þe residue to þe behofe of þis Cite; and that the Maire frohensfurth ouercharge ne 3it charge eny Chamberleyn or wardeyn to be hereafter within þis Citie with eny payement other then shal-be demed be þe Counceill of þe seid Maire.

THE FIFTEENTH.

Nov. 11.

[[2] Collectors of a whole fifteenth payable at "þe fest of seynt Martyn in wynter" 8 Hen. VII.

Gosford ward: Rob. Steyn, Joh. Dudley, & ffishepole, Coruiser.

Jordan Well ward: Ric. Wylson, Ric. Glewe, Ric. Crosseley.

Much Park Street ward: Hen. Cartar, Hugh Meke, Ric. Wylson.

Earl Street ward: Rob. Moseley, Joh. Smyth, [3] Alleyn, weyuer.

Bayly Lane ward: Tho. Camell, Rob. Colas.

Broadgate ward: Tho. Saunders, Ric. Lokyer, Joh. Acton.

Smithford ward: Rob. Dadyngton, Hen. ffulnaby, & [3] Dokerell, sherman.

Cross Cheaping: Humf. Grene, Will. Burbage,[4] Joh. Todde, Will. Logge.

Spon Street ward: Joh. Letys, Ric. Wode, potter, Rob. Andreux.

Well Street ward: Joh. Marchall, Mercer, Joh. Humfrey, & [5] Parker, peuterer.[6]]

[1] In this scribe's handwriting.
[2] leaf 269. For the amounts see pp. 542–3.
[3] blank. [4] "Nic. Hobson" deleted. [5] blank.
[6] For the names of, and amounts gathered from, the "forreyns & hamels within þe shire & ffraunches of Couentre," v. p. 543, except that "Weston *pro* Boyeswast" pays 4*s.* and not 2*s.* The sum total is noted as £14 6*s.* 5*d.*

THO. CHIRCHEMAN, MAYOR, 1493.

¶ [Election of officers.] "Couentre." Jan. 25. Electors.

[1]Ric. Coke, Joh. Wylgris, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Hen. Kebull, Tho. Bailly, Tho. Bagot, Rob. Colman, Ric. Lee, Joh. Wygston, Joh. Padland, Ric. Alyn, Tho. Maideford, Joh. Mathewe, Tho. Pittes, Hugo Heyton, Joh. Sissell, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Darlyng, Edw. Hulcote.

m. Tho. Chircheman; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Tho. Warde, Joh. Gibbes; w. Joh. Throweley, Joh. Smyth, Baker; mace, Will. Nasshe; crier, Joh. Toures. Officers.

Tho. Chircheman, Ric. Coke, Ric. Braytoft, Hen. Marler, Hen. Kebull. Key-keepers.

Tho. Chircheman, Ric. Emson, rec.,[2] Ric. Coke, Ric. Braytoft, Hen. Marler, Hen. Kebull. J.Ps.

EASTER LEET.

¶ [3][V. f. p. held before Tho. Chircheman, m., Tho. Bande, Joh. Hadon, b., on Thursday before S. George's day 8 Hen. VII.] "Couentre." Apr. 18.

Ric. Coke, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Hen. Marler, Will. Shore, Hen. Kebull, Ric. Colyns, Tho. Bailly, Tho. Bagot, Ric. Lee, Will. Roweley, Joh. Padland, Rob. Grene, Joh. Dove, Tho. Wardelowe, Joh. Gryme, Joh. Duddesbury, Tho. Pittes, Hugh Highton, Tho. Maideford, Joh. Smyth, Joh. Throughley, Rob. Smyth, draper. Jury.

They ordeyn at þis lete that no maner fflecchcr nor other Craftesman frohensfurth open theire shoppes nor sell eny ware vppon the Sonday in the tyme of dyuyne seruice [or 6s. 8d. fine.] Orders of leet. [4]"Sonday market."

[Ordained] that the Tallowe Chaundelers shuld be vnyed vnto þe Craft of smythes, accordyng as it hath be ordeyned be lete afore-tyme; which they nowe conferme; vppon þe peyn of euery singler persone of þe seid Tallowe-chaundelers that refuse this ordre nowe confermed to lese C s. & his body to prison till he so will doo. [4]"The Chaundelers vnyed to þe smythes."

[1] leaf 270.
[2] Of famous—or infamous—memory. Empson was evidently put there to please the king. See letter above, p. 537.
[3] leaf 270, back. Scribe B. [4] Contemporary gloss.

[1] "ffor acquytyng of open ffelons."

ffor-asmoch as diuers open Murders & knowen ffelonyes haue ofte tymes remayned within þis Citie vnpunysshed, & þe offendours þerof acquyte & let go at theire large, caused of that that the parties greued, which shuld sue, ben peased [and] woll not þerfore ferther sue ayenst such offendours; so for lak of evidence of þe partie þe Jurre oftetymes acquyte þe same offendours to the displeasure of God, hurte of þe comien wele, and yf conuenient remedye be not hastely provided in þat partie myght ensue þe losse of þe ffraunchise of þis Cite, which afore tyme hath be seased for like offence[2]; Therfore hit is ordeyned be auctorite of þis present lete that yf eny persone, hereafter within þis Cite to be enpanelled, acquyte eny persone endited of felonye or Murdre, whech ffelonyes & Murdres ben openly knowen be confession of þe partie endited, or otherwise for trouth knowen, whether the partie sue or not sue, such persones so acquytyng such felons to be committe to warde, there to abide the space of a hole 3ere, and then to make fyn of a C s., & neuer after to be enpanelled within þis Cite. And yf eny persone hereafter excite or in any maner wyse labour eny person to be enpanelled to acquyte eny such offendours they to haue like enprisonement, & to make like fyn; and ferther to fynde suffficient suerte therafter neuer to do or comyt like offence; and like punyshement to be had, made & executed ayenst all like offendours in sessions of pease, portmanmote,[3] & all other Courtes herafter to be holden within þis Cite & ffraunches þerof.

[1] "ffor reparacion of welles."

At þis lete was ordenauncez made and penaltes vppon aldermen of xl s. to make the welles in theire wardes, as appereth more at large in filaciis.[4] Also hit was ordeyned at þis lete that all þe persons whos names hereafter folowe & all other that can be founde within þis Cite that brue to sale & stepe with þe Cundite watir paye 3erely to þe reparacion of þe Cundite as after foloweth, and they that

[1] Contemporary gloss.
[2] Probably refers to the action of Ric. II in 1384. See below, p. 575.
[3] Portmanmote, the court of the mayor and bailiffs, first mentioned in Ranulf's charter, c. 1181–6, Corp. MSS. B. 1.
[4] In the files.

theire names be not here they to be rated be þe Maire & his Counceill after theire names be presente & knowen. And all that haue suspirals[1] to paye 3erely iiij s. or els they to lese theire suspirals.—Thos. Bredon, be 3ere xiij s. iiij d., Rog. Wode, dyer, be 3ere vj s. viij d., Ric. Jakson, be 3ere xiij s. iiij d., Nic. Burwey be 3ere x s., Ric. Drake vj s. viij d., Rob. Mason xiij s. iiij d., Heddes wyfe vj s. viij d.

[2] "What men shall pay 3erely þat brue with þe Cundyte."

[3] [Ordained] for dought of ffyre that euery man þat hath be Maire shuld betwixt þis and Lamas next comyng make ij bukkettes of leder, euery shirref a bukket, Chamberleyns & wardeyns ij to make a bukket, iij Cominers of thrift to make a bukket, such as the alderman woll thynk sufficient, so to doo vppon peyn of euery man doyng þe contrarie to lese vj s. viij d.

[2] "For makyng of leder buketes" for fear of fire.

[Ordained] þat no maner man within þis Cite frohensfurth make eny Chymney of tree[4] [or 100 s. fine.] And al tho that haue eny made before þis ordenaunce that they take theym downe, or els fynde suerte þat yf any hurte hereafter hap to fall thurgh such Chymney, he to make goode the losse þat shall fall.

[2] "For chymneyes of tree."

TOLL AT BRISTOL.

[5] Memorandum that the Merchauntes & inhabitauntes within the Towne & Cite of Couentre & the liberte of the same amonges many gret liberteez & ffraunchisez to them graunted be kynges before the Conquest[6] & sith they owe to be free of Toll,[7] passage, pontage, pauage, Murage & many other thorough-oute the roialme of Englonde be londe & be watir: and of the same liberteez they ben allowed in London, Hampton, & other portes within þis roialme, and in especiall in Bristoll in the tyme of Kyng Edward the iij[de], the xlviij 3er of his reigne vppon a writte De non molestando sued be the merchauntes of Couentre direct to þe officers of Bristoll in þat partie then being

Notwithstanding the ancient privileges of Coventry anent toll-freedom,

and a writ sued, 48. Ed. III,

[1] *v.* gloss. [2] Contemporary gloss.
[3] leaf 271. [4] = wood. [5] leaf 270.
[6] Probably refers to the legendary "toll freedom" in connection with Godiva's ride.
[7] See Corp. MSS. B. 17. Grant of toll-freedom to the tenants of Queen Isabella by Edward III. 1345.

Maire of Bristoll Will. Cannyng, Joh. Vyell shirrif of Bristoll & Wal. Darby, Customer.

the officers of Bristol levy a toll on Coventry men's wares, called keyage.

This allowance notwithstandyng the officers of Bristoll aforeseid compelled diuers of Couentre be coharcion of distresse to pay for euery Tonne bought be theym ther iiij d. callyng that Charge Cayage,[1] that is to say, for the passage of their ware fro the selar vppon the key there vnto the watir.

ffor which wrong so doon the Maire of Couentre sent dyuers tymes to þe Meire of Bristoll for reformacion in þat partie; and for the same dyuers communicacions were appoynted to be had be þe Counceill on both parties at London, which was had & kept & no direccion had nor taken. Wherefore þe seid Maire of Couentre let shewe the matier to the kynges grace beyng at Kyllyngworth. Vppon which shewyng a priue seall was graunt ayenst þe shirrifs & Baillyfs of Bristoll to appere afore þe kynges grace and his honorable Counceill furthwyth to answer in þe premissez, vppon which the Recordour & Townclerk of Bristoll appered at Kyllyngworth aforeseid þe Munday in þe Octabis of S. John Baptiste [8 Hen. VII] befor þe seid lordes.

Complaint is made to Hen. VII at Kenilworth, whither come the Bristol officers.

July 1, 1493.

At which tyme was there shewd for þe parte of þe seid Cite that Couentre nowe beyng a Cite afor tyme of mynde was a Borough, & sith þat tyme so hath continied; be which tyme the inhabitauntes of þe same & the liberte ther-of amonges many gret liberteez & ffraunchisez to theym graunted, vsed & enioyed, they haue had fre recourse of with theire merchaundisez to by & sell frely without eny toll or other custome to kyng or kynges Mynyster due therfor paying, gyffyng, or ȝilding in all Citeez, Boroughes, Townes, portes & other places thorough-out þe roialme of Englond, Wales & Ireland, be londe & be watir: Of which liberte & fredome they haue be & ben allowed in London, Hampton, Bristoll, & many other places. This notwithstandyng the officers of Bristoll nowe of late han compelled diuers Merchauntes of Couentre to paye with theym kayage, as is aforseid etc., of which they aske reformacion & restitucion etc.

Coventry pleads toll-freedom throughout the realm,

notwithstanding this, Bristol demands keyage;

[1] Low L. caya = quay.

To which the Recordour of Bristoll answered & seid :— that he withseith not þe ffraunchis of Couentre, nor the allowance þerof had at Bristoll þe seid xlviij 3ere of Kyng Edward þe iij^de^, nor that þe seid payement of kayage is not ayenst theire seid fredome & liberte, forasmorch (*sic*) as the key of Bristoll is of newe made both for þe ease of þe Merchaunt denisen as the [1] Merchaunt stranger, which cost gret goode the makyng & gret charge the 3erely kepyng þerof, to which the inhabitauntes of Couentre there vsyng þe same key ought of right to be contributorye etc, not hurtyng their ffraunchis etc.

pleading that the quay is of recent construction and hence not included in the Coventry exemption :

To which was answered for þe partie of Couentre aforseid that inasmoch as they withseid not þe allowance of þe ffraunchis aforetyme which will that they shall nothyng pay to kyng ne kynges Ministre, and this kayage is parcell of theire fee-ferme þat they pay to the kyng, in which case they ought to be discharged herof etc. Wherfore they desire that they may þerof be discharged.

which the Coventry men deny,

asserting that the keyage is included in the Bristol firm, and hence covered by their exemption.

Then þe seid Recordour of Bristoll seid þat þe allowance of þe ffraunchis of Couentre had at Bristoll, as is aforeseid, was not allowed be so generall termes, and there shewed þe copie of þe writte De non molestando sued in þe tyme of Edward þe iij^de^ & þe allowance þeruppon, which was no more but sint quieti de Theoloneo, pontagio, pauagio & Muragio, & no more. To which was answerd & seid þat at that tyme be þat allowance in tho termes they were discharged of eny thyng there paying with which at þat tyme they were content; nor at that tyme there was other charge then asked them, but such as be the same wordes they were then discharged, & hit is sufficient þis wordes pauage & Murage to discharge of þis kayage þat is nowe asked, in-asmoch as the reparacion þerof stondeth nowe be þe wall þer made in defens of þe see, and in pauyng of the wharf there etc.

Bristol argues that the Coventry folk are only quit of toll, bridge-money, paving-money, wall-money; whereto Coventry replies that keyage is comprehended in murage and pavage inasmuch as repairs to the sea-wall and wharf pavement are included.

And then the seid Recorder toke newe title to fortifie þe paying of kayage be prescripcion seying that they haue vsed tyme oute of mynde to paye for euery Tonne iiij d. etc, & so wold bynde them be þat meane.

Bristol pleads prescription;

To which was shewed for þe parte of Couentre interup-

but Coventry

[1] leaf 270, back.

breaks through this.

cion first sith þe tyme [out] of mynde be þe allowance aforseid had in Edwardes dayes þe iij^de^, & many oþer persones which wold not pay but leid plegge etc.

The matter adjourned until Easter,

So in conclusion direccion was heruppon taken be þe lordes of þe Counceill þat þe matier shuld be continied till Estur next; & þe measne season þe merchundisez to be bought be merchauntes of Couentre at Bristoll there to be put in writyng be þe baillyfs of Bristoll, & þe seid merchauntes therupon to put in suerte þat yf such kayage be demed be þe lordes to be paide þen to pay, & els not. And that þe seid parties shall apper afore þe lordes of þe Counceill crastino animarum proximo futuro vbicunque fuerint in Anglia etc.

Coventry merchants putting in surety to pay if the case is decided against them. The parties to appear before the Council on the morrow of All Souls' Day, Nov. 3, wherever they may be in England.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

"Couentre." Oct. 10.

[1] ¶ [V. f. p. held on Thursday after S. Dionysius' day 9 Hen. VII.]

Jury.

Ric. Coke, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Kebell, Tho. Bailly, Tho. Bagot, Ric. Lee, Will. Roweley, Joh. Padland, Ric. Alen, Ric. Smyth, Gal. Arthern, Rob. Grene, Hugo Huyton, Tho. Maideford, Joh. Duddesbury, Joh. Mathewe, Tho. Warde, Will. Pisforde, Joh. Throughley, Joh. Dwale, Joh. Gibbes.

Sheriffs.

[Ed. Hulcote, Joh. Darlyng.]

[2] "For þe Reddiche."

They ordeyn at þis present lete that no maner persone within þis Cite frohensfurth leye eny kyddes[3] or make eny bildyng or oþer Couryng ouer the Red-dich that begynneth in the Grey-frer-lane & cometh oute at the Jurden Well, [or 6s. 8d. fine.]

[2] "ffor harlottes."

Also they ordeyn that yf eny persone speke or intrete for þe fauoryng of eny myslyffyng woman to þe Maire for the tyme beyng, which is knowen for a harlat, he to lose xx s., and þat he be comyt to warde till he pay hit.

[2] "For a comien Cart to carie þe filth in stretes & howesen."

Also hit is ordeyned þat affor clensyng of stretes & swepyng of housez ther be ordeyned a Cart to carye wokly the filth away; and euery hall durr to pay therto quarterly j d., & euery Cotage & shop ob., and that euery alderman warne þe Constable to se þis be don wokely; and þe Cartar

[1] leaf 271. [2] Contemporary gloss.
[3] Faggots of wood; still in local dialect.

to gader his rent quarterly; and he þat refuseth to pay to be constrayned be þe alderman to pay the dowble.

Item, it is ordeyned at þis lete that þe Chaundelers shuld pay 3erely to þe smythes ij s. towardes theire paient. [1] "For Chaundlers."

ROB. GRENE, MAYOR, 1494.

[2] ¶ [Election of officers.] "Couentre." Jan. 25.

Tho. Bailly, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Hen. Kebull, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bagot, Ric. Lee, Will. Roweley, Joh. Dove, Ric. Alen, Joh. Gryme, Geff. Ardern, Tho. Maideford, Joh. Mathewe, Rob. Smyth, Joh. Sissell, Ric. Nores, Will. Pysford, Joh. Dwale, Will. fflecche r.

[m. Rob. Grene, Grocer; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Will. Barbour, Tho. Bredon; w. Tho. Grove, Rob. Jakson, ffysshemonger; mace, Will. Nashe; crier, Joh. Toures. Officers.

Rob. Grene, m., Ric. Empson, rec., Tho. Bailly M[G.S.T.], Ric. Braytoft, Hen. Marler, Will. Roweley. J.Ps.

Tho. Bailly, Ric. Braytoft, Hen. Marler, Will. Roweley. Key-keepers.

EASTER LEET.

[3] ¶ [V. f. p. held before Rob. Grene, m., Ed. Hulcote, Joh. Darlyng, b., on Thursday after S. Ambrose's day 9 Hen. VII.] "Couentre." Apr. 10.

Tho. Bailly, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Ric. Cooke, Tho. Bagot, Rob. Colman, Ric. Lee, Joh. Wygston, Will. Roweley, Tho. Chircheman, Joh. Padland, Joh. Gryme, Tho. Maideford, Gal. Arthern, Tho. Wardelowe, Will. Barbour, Rob. Jakson *alias* Bowear, Tho. Bredon, Tho. Grove, Rob. Smyth.

At which lete was confermed the ordenaunce afore tyme made that euery prentise that shuld be taken frohensfurth within þis Cite shuld be sworen to þe kyng & to þe ffraunches of þe Cite; & peruppon þe frendes of þe seid prentise to paye xij d., j d. perof to þe Tounclerk for þe tyme beyng & xj d. to þe wardeyns of þe Cite to þe vse of [1] "For prentyse; [1] [4] sworn; pay xij d. enrolling." [4]

[1] Contemporary gloss. [2] leaf 272. [3] leaf 272, back.
[4] Gloss of seventeenth century scribe.

þe same. And ferther hit is ordeyned be auctorite of þis *pr*esent lete that no *per*sone, sc*r*iuener nor o*þer*, frohensfurth take uppon hym to resceyue or make eny indentur*e* for eny *pr*entyse vnto þe tyme hit be entred in þe boke *þer*for ordeyned be þe Townclerk or his depute, vppon þe peyn to lese at eu*er*y defalt vj s. viij d. to þe vse of þe Cite; and that no p*er*sone frohensfurth take eny *pr*entyse w*ith*in þis Cite for lass ȝer*e* or t*er*me th*en* for vij ȝer*es*.

Scriveners forbidden to draw up indentures unless certain conditions are complied with.

Seven years' apprenticeship obligatory.

ffor-asmoch as moche disceyuable war*e* of peautir, Brasse & other metaill not sufficiently medled[2] nor made is vttered and sold be suche as were neu*er* *pr*entyse at peauterers Craft nor haue p*er*fite Cunnyng ne ȝit knowelech in suche war*e* in disseyvyng not only th*em*-self but all o*þer* with whom they by & sell to their gret enpou*er*ysshyng & also hurt of the Co*m*ien wele, hit is therefor*e* ordeyned be auctorite of þis p*r*esent lete that all man*er* peauterers whech maken & medle metailles within þis Cite as vessels of brasse, peaut*ur* & laten, or eny o*þer* frohensfurth put non of their seid wares so to be made to sale, but such as shal-be sufficient & able, well-fyned & medled be due *pro*porc*i*on; nor that they sell nor vtter eny their seid wares to eny Chapman other then such as haue be prentyse at peauterers Crafte, vppon the peyn who so doth to the contrarie to lese at eu*er*y defalt xx s. the on half *þer*of to þe vse of þis Citie & the other half to þe vse of the Crafte of peaut*er*ers to be apploied. And ferther hit is ordeyned *þat* non of þe seid peauterers frohensfurth shall take eny *pr*entyse for lass ȝer*es* then for vij, vppon þe peyn afor*e* rehersed: and that þe maist*er* of þe Craft of peauterers haue powiar to take & sease all such war*es* be theym founde defectyfe, contrarie to þe *pr*emissez, and to bryng hit befor*e* þe Maire & his Counceill for the tyme beyng, and there before hym p*r*oued defectyfe, then þe peyn *þer*uppon to be levyed as is aforeseid.

1 "ffor peauterers."[1]

3 "Searchers."

They must sell well-made wares,

and the master of the craft shall have power to lay defective goods before the mayor.

Also hit is ordeyned that all man*er* p*er*sones *þat* frohensfurth shall pyn eny Catell out of eny pasture or place beyng w*ith*in the Inner fraunches that they pyn & dryve th*em* to þe Towne pynfolde, & to no o*þer* place [or "lese"

1 "For pynnyng at þe Towne pynfold."

[1] Contemporary gloss. [2] = mixed.
[3] Gloss of seventeenth century scribe.

6s. 8d. at every default, to the sheriffs' use]. And yf such *per*sone so offendyng woll not pay such peyn be hym loste, as is aforeseid, then he to be com*m*yt vnto *p*rison ther to abide till he have paide hit, & ou*er* þ*at* to fynde suerte þ*at* he eftsones offend not in like matier.

Also hit is ordeyned that such ffysshers & Cutters *per*of, þ*at* cast intrelle*s* & garbage*s* *per*of vnder theire borde*s* in þe strete, shall frohensfurth clense þe strete & do carie theym away be iiij of þe clok of þe same day þ*at* they cast such filth there, vppon the peyn to lese at eu*er*y defalt xx d. that to be levied & diuided betwixt þe Chamb*er*leyns & þe wardeyns for the tyme beyng.

1 "ffysshe Cutters"

to cleanse the street of their refuse.

Also hit his ordeyned þ*at* no ffysshemonger frohensfurth kepe eny corupt watir in his vessels, but þ*at* they avoyde hit furthwyth & cause the Canels there to be wasshen with ij bitte*s* [2] with watir be Seturday ij of þe Clok at afte*r*noon, vppon like peyn afore reh*er*sed, to be levied & diuided as is aforeseid.

1 "ffysshemongers" to keep no corrupt water in their vessels.

Also hit is ordeyned accordyng as hath be ordeyned & enacted be dyue*r*s lete*s* in tymes past þ*at* þe Chaundelers & Cooke*s* of þis Cite shall be cont*r*ibutory to þe smythes of þis Cite & to pay ȝerely towarde*s* þe Charge of theire p*r*iste & pagant, eu*er*y Chaundeler & Cooke ij s. (*sic*) eu*er*y man faylyng of such paye*m*e*n*t to lese at eu*er*y tyme xl s., & to haue enp*r*isonment till he paye þe seid ij s. with þe arrerage*s* in þ*at* p*ar*tie, yf eny be, and þe seid peyn; þe Mair for þe tyme beyng to haue a noble þ*er*of & þe Craft of smythes a-no*per* noble, & iiij nobles to þe wardeyns of þis Cite to þe vse of þis Cite, p*r*ovided þ*at* no such *per*sone whech theire wyfes occupie makyng & sellyng of Candell be constreyned to be maist*er* or keper with þe smythes in no wyse.

1 "The vnyon of Chaundelers & Cooke*s* to þe Smythe*s*" in the provision of priest and pageant.

The husband of a woman candle-maker is however exempt.

[3] ffor-asmoche as þe vnyte, concorde, & amyte of all Citeez & Co*m*inalteez is p*r*incipally atteyned & contynued be due Ministrac*i*on of Justice & pollytyk guydyng of þe same, forseyng þ*at* no *per*sone be opp*r*essed nor put to ferther charge then he conuenyently may bere, and þ*at* eu*er*y *per*sone withoute fauo*ur* be cont*r*ibutory afte*r* his

1 "Contribucion to Crafte*s*."

[1] Contemporary hand. [2] Water-buckets. See Gloss.
[3] leaf 273.

substance & faculteez þat he vseth to euery charge had & growyng for the welth & worship of the hole body; and where so it is in þis Cite of Couentre that dyuers charges haue be continued tyme oute of mynde for the worship of the same as pagantes & such other, whech haue be born be dyuers Craftes, whech Craftes at þe begynnyng of such charges were more welthy, rich & moo in nombre then nowe be, as oppenly appereth; for whech causez they nowe be not of powier to continue þe seid Charges without relief & comfort be shewed to them in þat partie. And in-asmoch as there be dyuers Craftes in þis Cite þat be not charged with like Charges, as dyers, skynners, ffysshemongers, Cappers, Coruisers, Bochers, & dyuers oþer, Therfore hit is ordeyned be þis present lete that þe Mair & viij of his Counceill haue auctorite to call all þe seid Craftes & other þat be not charged to þe forseid Charges, and them to adjoyn to such Craftes as be ouercharged with þe forseid pagantes, vppon peynes be hym & his seid Counceill to be sette. And yf eny persone refuse such vnyon & contribucion, or such reasonable measne to be taken be the discrescion of þe seid Maire & his Counceill, such person so refusyng to forfet & paye such peyn in þat partie so to be sette be þe seid Maire & his Counceill. And þat such resonable measne in þe premissez so to be taken be þe seid Maire & his Counceill to be of like force and effect as yf hit had be made at þis present lete.

Divers crafts are

unable to pay so much to their pageants to be supplemented by those of other crafts,

according to the arrangement of the mayor and council.

LAURENCE SAUNDERS AGAIN.

"The wordes of Laurence Saunders."

[1] Memorandum þat Laur. Saunders, which mysdemeasned hym-self on Lamasse day last past both in worde & dede, sterryng the people to comocion & insurrecion, whech wordes were as foloweth, spoken in þe presence of xl persones:—"Sirs, here me! we shall neuer haue oure ryght till we haue striken of the hedes of iij or iiij of thes Churles hedes that rulen vs; and yf thereafter hit be asked who did þat dede hit shal-be seid me & they & they & me etc." as the seid Maire & his Brethern were credibly enfourmed be Joh. Bredon, then j of þe Chamberleyns, Ric. Clerk, Baker, Will. Castell, Joh. Baron & oþer, whech

Sirs, hear me, we shall never have our right till we have struck off three or four of the churls' heads that rule us!

[1] leaf 274, back.

hard hym speke tho & like wordes: and also þat he shuld constreyn on Will. Boteler[1] to drive his Cart laden with Otes into þe Croschepyng & there to vnlade the seid Cart, & þe seid Laur. seid:—"Come, Sirs, & take þis Corn who so wyll as your owne."[2] & after þe seid Laur. without auctorite commytte þe seid Will. Boteler vnto warde etc. For which his so demeasnyng þe seid Laur., þe Wensday next after þe fest of þe Exaltacion of þe Holy Crosse, be þe advice of þe seid Maire & his Counceill, was comyt to ward, as appereth more pleynly in þe boke of Counceill. And after he put in borowes[3] for his ffyn, which was sessed at xl li. & also put in suerte of his good beryng there-after, as appereth in þe seid boke, & in þe boke of reconisaunce etc.

Will. Boteler's corn.

Sept. 17.

He is committed to ward.

MICHAELMAS LEET.

[4]¶ V. f. p. held on Monday after Michaelmas 10 Hen. VII.]

"Couentre." Oct. 6.

Tho. Bailly, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Will. Shore, Hen. Marler, Ric. Colyns, Joh. Thrumpton, Ric. Lee, Tho. Chircheman, Joh. Wygston, Will. Roweley, Joh. Dove, Will. Taillour, Joh. Padland, Gal. Arthern, Ric. Alen, Joh. Gryme, Will. Hopkyns, Tho. Padland, Joh. Mathewe, Will. Barbour, Tho. Bredon, Tho. Grove, Rob. Jakson.

[Will. Pisforde, Joh. Dwale.]

Sheriffs.

Also they woll & ordeyn þat Joh. Hobyns, Bitter, paye to þe reparacion of þe Brodewell xx d. Joh. Grene, Bitter, xij d., and Joh. Smyth, Bitter, xij d., and þe remanent to be gadered in the wardes.

The Broad Well.

[5]Also hit is ordeyned at þis present lete at þe request of þe Tanners of þis Cite that no maner persone frohensfurth regrate or bye in grete eny Rawe hides within þis Citee of eny Bochour, [or 40 s. fine and the seller as much.] And þat euery Bochour ley furth his hides on þe market day in þe hygh strete before he make sale of theym, vppon peyn who doth to þe contrarie to lese for euery hyde so sold

[6]"Tanners" request that no butcher be allowed to sell hides wholesale.

[1] No doubt a relative of the steward and late recorder.
[2] Probably corn sown on the common ground.
[3] = sureties. [4] leaf 273. [5] leaf 273, back.
[6] In a seventeenth century hand.

xl d. And also that no forren Tanner frohensfurth bye eny hides before ix of þe clok on þe market day [or 40 d. fine.]

[Ordained] at þe request of þe Inhabitauntes dwellyng in Gosseford-strete that þe pageantes 3erely frohensfurth be sette & stande at þe place there of olde tyme vsed, lymyt & appoynted, vppon peyn of euery Craft þat doth to þe contrary to lese at euery defalt[3] vj s. viij d. to þe vse of þis Cite to be levyed & paide.

[1] "þe standyng for paiantes [2] in Gosford Street." [2]

Where hit was ordeyned at the laste lete that such Craftes, that were not contributory to the Craftes, as bere 3erely charge in þis Cite to þe worship of the same, shuld be vnyed & adioyned to the Craftes so charged be þe discrescion of the Maire & his Counceill; which ordennaunce hath not be put in execucion caused be dyuers self-willed persones, whech be theire willes wold obbeye no other rule ne ordre but after their owne willes grounded without reason, whech may not be suffred yf þis Cite shulde prosper & contynue in welth. Hit is perfore ordeyned at þis present lete that all maner Craftes & persones occupying eny Crafte within þis Cite not beying charged to eny yerely charge that is had & made in this Cite for þe worship of the same, as paiantes & such other, that they betwixt þis & þe fest of seynt Martyn next comyng of their toward lovyng disposicion applye them-self to Joyn & vnye themself or to be contributory to other Craft that is charged, as is aforeseid, in relief of theire charge, which theire so doyng shall principally please God, and contynue the goode name & fame þat þis Cite hath had in tymes past. And þat euery Craft & persone that woll not of theire goode willes be þe seid fest applye them to such vnyon, as is afore rehersed, that then such persone & Crafte that refusyng [to] obbeye, stand & perfourme such ordre & direccion of þe Maire & his Counceill in þat partie to be ordred & made, vppon þe peyn of euery person & Craft þat disobeieth to lese at þe first refusell C s., at þe ij[de] x li. & at þe iij[de] xx marc'.

[1] Contribution of Crafts." [1]

[4] "All freemen to hold off some Company," [4]

under heavy penalties.

Also where hit hath be ordeyned at dyuers letes þat all maner prentisez to be taken within þis Cite shuld paie

[1] "Prentyse [1] to be sworne."

[1] In contemporary hand. [2] In a seventeenth century hand.
[3] MS. defalf. [4] In later hand.

xij d. to þe vse of þe Cite & to be sworn to þe kyng & fraunchise of þis Cite, as appereth in þe seid lete*s*,[1] hit is nowe ordeyned be auctorite (etc.) that enquerre be made of such p*er*sone*s* þ*at* haue resceyued eny p*r*intyse contrarie to þ*at* ordennau*n*ce that þ*er*uppon he be compelled to make satisfacc*i*on in þ*at* p*ar*tie. And ou*er* þ*at* hit is ordeyned that yf eny p*er*sone herafte*r* resceyue eny p*r*entise contrarie to the seid ordennau*n*ce & woll not refou*r*me hym, then such p*er*sone so offendyng be furthwyth comyt to warde, there to abide vnto þe tyme he haue paide such peyn & fyn, & ou*er* that fynd suerte þ*at* eftesones he shall not disobeye eny goode ordenau*n*ce be auctorite of lete made; and like punysshe*m*e*n*t & suerte to be had & taken of eue*r*y such p*er*sone þ*at* herea*f*te*r* shall disobeye eny ordenau*n*ce made be auctorite of lete that woll not be refourmed be the Maire & his Counceill.

BUTCHERS AND WHITTAWERS.

Jan. 12, 1495.

M*em*. þ*at* the ffeliship & mysterye of Boch*o*u*r*s in Couentr*e*, remembryng þe ordennaunce lately made be auctorite of lete for cont*r*ibuc*i*on to be had & made be such craft*e*s as be not charged to such ordinary charg*e*s and Cost*e*s as be ȝerely made & boren for þe worship of þis Cite, callyng also to theyr mynde the olde acqueyntau*n*ce & amyte þ*at* of long tyme hath be & contynued be measne of ent*er*cours & of bying & sellyng betwixt them & þe ffeliship of whittawers, whech be ou*er*charged to the charg*e*s aboue rehersed, & for their relief in þe p*r*emissez at Couentr*e* aforeseid [Jan. 12, 10 Hen. VII] in þe presence of Rob. Grene, then beyng Maire, were agreable & ther g*r*aunted to bere & pay ȝerely frohensfurth to þe seid ffeliship of whittawers toward*e*s þe ȝerely charge of their paiant as long as they ther shal-be charged with þe seid paiant xvj s. viij d., be the hand*e*s of þe kepers & maisters of þe seid ffeliship of Bochers to be paide to þe kepers & mastirs of þe seid feliship of Whittawers ȝerely in þe vigell of þe holy Trinite w*ith*oute ferther delaye, without eny other or ferther charge or besynesse be th*em* to be made or doon to þe seid ffeliship of whittawers.

[2] "Contribucion made be þe Bochers to þe whittawers."

[1] See p. 553. [2] In contemporary hand.

APPRENTICES.

[1] "Swearyng of prentices, and enroled."

[2] Memorand*um*, that accordyng the olde ordenna*unces* made in þe Cite of Couentr*e* in tymes past & at þe lete þis ȝer*e* holden etc., confermed That eu*e*ry p*er*sone to be resceyued as p*r*intise within þis seid Cite frohensfurth shal-be sworen before þe Styward of þe Courte in þe seid Cite or his depute, and his name entred in a boke remaynyng with þe seid Styward as a Registr*e*; vppon which othe so taken þe frend*es* of such p*r*intise to paie furthwyth xij d. to þe seid Styward, j d. therof for þentre & þe xj d. residue to be delyu*er*ed to þe wardeyns of þis Cite to þe vse of þis Cite to be apploied etc.

Her*e* foloweth þe othe.

[1] "The othe."

I shal-be goode and true to our*e* sou*er*aign lorde, the kyng, the Maire & þe shirrifs of þe Cite of Couentr*e* that nowe be & hereaftur to be, and the ffraunchies of the same Cite to my powiar maynteyn & susteyn; I shall no ffelony nor treason doo nor therto consent, and yf I shall knowe eny to be doo I shall do shewe it to þe kyng or his offic*er*s; and true man be frohensfurth, and duely obbey, obs*er*ve kepe & p*er*fourme all goode rule & ordena*unces* made & to be made within þis Cite in & for the contynuance of þe goode name & fame of the same, so God me help, & all sayntes & be þis booke.

[On Apr. 25, 1494, at Coventry, Tho. "Preston," son of Joh. Preston of Stafford, became apprentice to Joh. Bixston of Coventry, grocer, to live with him from May 8 next to come until the end of the term of nine years next coming, taking 12*d.* each year, and in the last year .[3] And he took the oath to the freedom.]

[On S. Mark's day, 9 Hen. VII] apud Coventre Tho. Preston, filius Joh. Preston de Stafford in Com*itatu* Staff*ordie*, Gentle*man*, deuen*it* appr*enticius* Joh*anni* Bixston de Couentre, Groc*er*, secu*m* comm*oratur*us a festo Ascenc*ion*is Dom*ini* p*roximo* futuro, vsq*ue* finem *termini* novem annor*um* ex tunc p*roximo* sequenc*ium* capiendo quol*ibet* anno xij d. Et in vlt*imo* anno .[3] Et Jur*atus est* ad lib*er*tatem.

[4] "Sprag."

[July 8 1494 at Coventry came Will. Sprag, son of Joh. Sprag, formerly of Ingelton,[5] Staffordshire, husbandman,

[1] In later hand. [2] leaf 274. [3] Blank.
[4] In contemporary hand. [5] Engleton, near Brewood.

and became then and there apprentice to Rog. Bret of Coventry, baker, to live with him from Holy Cross day (Sept. 14) last past until the end of the term of eight years taking each year ,[1] and the last year 13s. 4d. And he took the oath to the freedom.

[July 10 1494 at Coventry came Joh. son of Will. Bukland of "Wendlyngburgh" Northants, mercer, and became apprentice to Hen. Marler of Coventry, grocer, to live with him from the Nativity of S. Joh. Baptist next to come (June 24) for eight years, taking for the first seven years 12d. a year, and in the eighth 13s. 4d. And he took (etc.) [2] "Bukland" of Wellingborough.

[July 16 1494 at Coventry came Christofer, son of Will. Straughton of "Dirrham," husbandman, and became apprentice to Ric. White of Coventry, "hatmaker," to live with him from the feast of the Translation of S. Thomas martyr next to come (July 7) for seven years, taking for the first six years 4d. a year, and 6s. 8d. for the last year. And he took (etc.) [2] "Straughton."

[July 26 1494 at Coventry came Tho. son of Tho. Robyns of "Stoneley" and became apprentice to Will. Gest of Coventry, weaver, to live with him from the feast of the Relics[3] in this year for seven years, taking 12d. a year the first six years and 7s. 4d. the last year. And he took (etc.) [2] "Robyns."

[Oct. 29 1494 at Coventry came Joh. Griffith of Coventry and became apprentice to Joh. Darlyng of Coventry, capper, to live with him from the feast of All Saints next to come (Nov. 1) for seven years (wages like those of Robyns). And he took (etc.) [2] "Griffith."

[Oct. 31 1494 at Coventry came Ric. son of Ric. Speyght, formerly of "Notyngham," and became apprentice to Will. Bowyes, "lokyer" to live with him from the feast of SS. Simon and Jude last past (Oct. 28) for five years, taking for the first four years 16d. a year and the last year 10s. And he took (etc.) [2] "Speyght."

[1] Blank. [2] In the same contemporary hand.
[2] Relic Sunday is the third Sunday after Midsummer Day. A family of the name of Robbins dwelled at Stoneleigh Grange within living memory.

[1] "Richardson" of (?) Langworth.

[Nov. 1 1494 on All Saints' day at Coventry came Tho. Richardson, formerly of "Long Collyworth" Lincs. twenty four years old, and became apprentice to Tho. Wardlowe of Coventry, butcher, to live with him from the said feast for seven years, taking for the first six years 4s. a year, and the seventh 33s. 4d. without food and clothing for that year. And he took (etc.)

[1] "Daugh."

[Nov. 15 1494 at Coventry came Tho. son of Will. Daugh and became apprentice to Rog. Chambre of Coventry, draper, to live with him from Christmas next to come for eight years taking the first seven years 12d. and the eighth and last 20s. And he took (etc.)

[1] "Egynton" of Staffordshire.

[Dec. 24 1494 at Coventry came Rob. son of Will. Egynton "in Com*itatu* Staff*ordie*," butcher, and became apprentice to Gunter Paules of Coventry, hatmaker, to live with him from Christmas day next to come for five years, taking the first four years 12d. and the last 6s. 8d.

[1] "Downes."

[Jan. 3 1495 came Hugo, son of Joh. Downes of "Totnowe," [2] husbandman, and became apprentice to Ric. Pova, mercer, to live with him from S. Nicholas' day last past (Dec. 6) for six years, taking the first five years 4d. and the last year 25s. And he took (etc.)

[1] "Worseley."

[[3] Jan. 8 1495 at Coventry came Rob. son of Rob. Worseley of "Cowalker" [4] and became apprentice to Will. Barbour of Coventry, capper, to live with him from Christmas last past for seven years, taking for the first six years 12d. a year, and the last year 14s. And he took (etc.).

[1] "Brettebe."

[Jan. 8 1495 came Tho. Brettebe, son of Gibben Brethe (*sic*) de Nantwych, husbandman, and became apprentice to Ric. Brikwode, "sherman," to live with him from the Purificacion (Feb. 2) next to come for six years, taking for the first five years 2s. a year, and the last year 6s. 8d. And he took (etc.)

[1] "Hynde."

[On Jan. 12 1495 at Coventry came Tho. son of Joh. Hynde of "Westbromwych," Grasio*ur*, and became apprentice to Joh. Brixston of Coventry, grocer, to live with him

[1] In the same hand. [2] Totternhoe, Beds.
[3] leaf 274, back. [4] (?) Cowarch, Merioneth.

from the Purificacion next to come for seven years taking every year 12d. And he took (etc.)

JOH. PADLAND, MAYOR, 1495.

[[1] Election of officers.] "Couentre." Jan. 25.

Rob. Colman, Ric. Braytofte, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Ric. Colyns, Hen. Marler, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bailly, Ric. Lee, Will. Roweley, Tho. Chircheman, Will. ffoorde, Joh. Mathewe, Tho. Turnour, Joh. Duddesbury, Tho. Bonde, Joh. Hadon, Tho. Padland, Joh. Sissell, Ed. Barbour, Rog. Chambre, Ric. Nores, Will. Hardy, Will. fflecchere. Electors.

[m. Joh. Padland; cor. Rob. Topcliff; ch. Tho. Grene, Tho. ffolshill; w. Ric. Lansdale, Hen. Crosse, Grasyer; mace, Will. Nasshe; crier, Joh. Toures. Officers.

Joh. Padland, m., Ric. Emson, rec., Rob. Colman, Ric. Braytoft, Hen. Marler, Will. Roweley. J.Ps.

The same, except the recorder.] Key-keepers.

EASTER LEET.

[V. f. p. held before Joh. Padland, m., Will. Pisford, Joh. Dwale, b., on Tuesday before the Invention of the Holy Cross 10 Hen. VII. "Couentre. Apr. 29.

Rob. Colman, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrompton, Will. Shore, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bailly, Ric. Lee, Will. Roweley, Tho. Chircheman, Ric. Colyns, Joh. Wygston, Will. fforth, Tho. Maideford, Joh. Duddesbury, Joh. Mathewe, Joh. Gryme, Galf. Arthern, Rob. Grene, Ed. Hulcote, Hugo Huyton, Rog. Sutton, Tho. Bande, Joh. Hadon. Jury.

Hit was ordeyned be auctorite of þis present lete that þe Garden place without þe Coke-strete-3ate which perteyneth to þe Gilde of Corporis *Christi* and which was delyuered to þe *Maister* of seynt Johnes in satisfaccion for such grounde as the seid *Maister* had vnder þe parke syde, shal-be sufficiently closed be þe wardeyns of þis Cite [2] "*Maister* of seynt Jones."

[1] leaf 275. The crier is henceforth mentioned as one of the officers chosen.

[2] Contemporary gloss.

be þe ouersight of þe seid *Maister* within xx daies next comyng, vppon þe peyn of vj s. viij d.

[1] "Laurence Saunders." [2] "Laur. Saunders discharged from Ryding with the Chamberleynes."

Also hit is ordeyned be auctorite of þe same that Laur. Saunders for þe vnsadde demeasnyng & dealyng þat he hath be of in tymes past, & ȝit contynueth in þe same, be frohensfurth discharged for euer of & for ruydyng with the Chamberleyns ȝerely on Lammasse day, so þat yf eny tyme hereafter he take vppon hym to ruyde on þat day contrarie to þis ordenaunce he to lese at euery defalt xl li. And also hit is ordeyned & be auctorite of þis present lete the seid Laurence is discharged fro þe Meirs Counceill, Comien Counceill, & all oþer Counceils hereafter to be taken & kept within þis Cite for þe welfare of þe same.

[1] "Cardemakers."

Skinners and barbours to contribute to their pageant.

Also hit is ordeyned at þe peticion & desire of þe Craft of Cardmakers towardes theire charge þat they ȝerely ber in kepyng theire pageant that the Craftes of Skynners & Barbours shall ȝerely frohensfurth bere & pay to þe seid Craft of Cardmakers xiij s. iiij d. in þe forme suyng:—þat is to sey, þe Maisters of þe Crafte of skynners & þe *Maister* of þe Barbours shall ȝerely in þe vigill of þe holy Trinite pay unto þe *Maister* of Cardmakers either of them vj s. viij d. And yf eyther of þe seid Craftes fayle of payement at þat day, they & euery singler persone of either of þe seid craftes that payement denying to lese at euery defalt vj s. viij d. & in defalt of payement their bodies so forfetyng to be comytte to prison, theire to remayn vnto þe tyme they haue paide þat fyn, & ouer þat to fynde suerte þat eftsones he shall not defende (*sic*) in þat partie.

viz. 6s. 8d. each craft.

[2] "Carpenters."

[3] [Ordained] at þe peticion of þe Crafte of Wryghtes & Tylers & pynners that these persones whos names here folowen shal-be ioyned & contributorye to þe Crafte of wrightes frohensfurth for euer, & to pay & bere ȝerely after theire porcion as other wrightes doo towardes þe charge of their pageant, vppon þe peyn of euery person doyng þe contrarie to lese at euery defalt vj s. viij d., & in defalt of payement of þat peyn theire bodies to prison till they haue paide hit, & ouer þat fynde suertee that he eftesones offende not in þat partie. These be þe names, Joh. Okley, kerver, Ric. Percy, wright, Joh. Cokkes,

The wrights' pageant.

[1] Contemporary gloss. [2] Later hand. [3] leaf 275, back.

wright, Nic. Slough, Cartwright, Joh. Norton, whele-wright, & Joh. Knyght, whele-wright.

Also where hit was shewed at þis *pr*esent lete be bill put in be þe Girdelers, that þe Crafte of Cappers[2] & fullers[2] of theire goode will were agreable to paye in þe fest of þe vigell of þe holy Trinite to þe *Maister* of þe Crafte of Girdelers 3erely xiij s. iiij d. towar*d*es þe charge of their *pr*iste & pageant etc., hit was ordeyned & stablisshed be auctorite of þis *pr*esent lete that *þat* agrement & acorde shuld stande stable & be per*fourm*ed & kept frohensfurth for eu*er*, with more *þat* yf payement 3erely be not made in þe seid vigill then eu*er*y *per*son *þat* denyeth such paye-m*ent* to lese at eu*er*y defalt vj s. viij d. w*ith* imprisonment as is aboue seid in þe Crafte of Carpenters.

[Ordained] *þat* no man*er* *per*son w*ith*in þis Cite frohensfurth resceyue ne 3it suffer eny st*r*aunge *per*son bryngyng cloþe to þis Cete to be solde vppon þe m*ar*ket dave to open his pak or put hit to sale vnto þe tyme they bryng hit into þe drap*er*ie, vppon peyn who doth to þe contrarie to lose at eu*er*y defalt vj s. viij d., & þe fynder *þer*of to haue for eu*er*y pak so opened iiij d.

[Ordained] in-asmoch as in tymes past *þer* hath be dyu*er*s riottes & offences & gret discordes don & com*m*ytted vppon Lam*m*asse day caused be *þat* *þat* many in nombre vn-desired ryd*en* w*ith* þe Chamb*er*leyns, hit is *þer*for ordeyned be þese *pr*esent lete that frohensfurth for eu*er* ther shall but ij or iij at most of a warde ruyde w*ith* þe seid Chamb*er*leyns vppon La*m*masse, & they to be assigned & named be þe Meire & his Counceill v or vj daies before Lam*m*asse. And yf eny Chamb*er*leyn here-aft*er* assigne eny o*þer* *per*sone þen is assigned be þe Maire, or eny *per*sone vnassigned take vppon hym to ruyde contrarie to þis ordena*u*nce, they to lese at eu*er*y defalt x s. & for defalt of payem*ent* *þer*of his body to *pr*ison till he make paye-m*ent*, & ouer *þat* to fynde suerte *þat* eftsones he shall not offend etc.

Also hit is ordeyned that all *per*sones *þat* haue shop*es* in þe drap*er*ie that they shall swep & make clene wekely

1 "Girdelers."

Cappers and fullers pay to the girdlers' pageant.

1 "Draperie."

3 "Cloth to be sold ther and not elsewhere."[3]

1 "Quot equitabunt cum Camerariis in festo quod dicitur ad uincula S. Petri =" how many shall ride with the chamberlains on the feast which is called S. Peter in chains, *i. e.* Lammas day.

1 "Swepyng in þe draperye."

[1] Contemporary gloss. [2] interlined.
[3] In another hand.

before theire shopes, euery man vppon the peyn who doth to the contrarie to lese at euery defalt vj d.; and that no maner persone frohensfurth pisse in eny other place in þe draperie but in the gutter there [on the same fine, half to the sheriffs and half to the master[1] of the drapers' craft.]

THE LAMMAS RIDE.

Jul. 10. Mem. þat þe seid Maire with his Counceill þe x^th^ day of July þen next folowyng in perfourmance [of] þe forseid ordenaunce in & for ruydyng with þe Chamberleyns on Lammasse day next comyng assigned certen persones in euery warde to ryde þis ȝere with þe seid Chamberleyns, whos names folowen :—

Gosseford ¶ : Ric. Clerk, Ed. Hadley, Will. Wygston, Joh. Wodnet.

Jurden-well ¶ : Will. fflecchcr, Will. Huet, Ric. Semyng, Will. Barbour.

Michpark-strete ¶ : Joh. Whitehed, Rog. Brette, Baker, Will. Bagot, Will. Audeley.

Erle-strete ¶ : Joh. Throughley, Will. Wrobwardyn, Ric. ffoxale, Hug. Dawes, Ric. Hassale, Joh. Sparrowe.

Baylly-lane ¶ : Ric. Lansdale, Joh. Saunders, Capper, Tho. Camell, Rog. Muklowe.

Brodeȝate ¶ : Joh. Baron, Barbour, Joh. Clerk, hosyer, Maur. John, Ric. Lokyer, Joh. Lemyng.

Smythford ¶ : Alex. Horsley, Dauid Chirke, Ric. Baron, draper, Will. Cartar, Taillour.

Spon-strete : ¶ Hen. Crosse, Rog. Wode, Joh. Letys, Rob. Bateman, Tho. Moradok, Will. Trumper.

Croschepyng ¶ : Will. Hardy, Rob. Jakson, Ric. Drave, Joh. Shepey, Joh. Pope, Tho. Kirvyle,[2] Rog. Billingsley.

Wel-strete ¶ : Tho. Warde, Tanner, Joh. Humfrey, Will. Potell, Dauid Blakwall, Rob. Tedde, Smyth, Will. Pratte.

THE CITY IS BOND.

Mem. þat within viij dayes after Lammasse ther was a bill sett vppon þe north Chirch durre in seynt Mighels

[1] Maister (?) or plural. [2] or Kirbyle.

Chirch be some evell disposed *per*son vnknowen the teno*ur* wherof here*a*ftur ensueth :—

Be it knowen & vnderstand
This Cite shuld be free & nowe is bonde. — The city is bond!

Dame goode Eve[1] made it free; — Once Godiva made it free.
& nowe þe custome for woll[2] & þe drap*er*ie.[3]

Also hit is made þ*at* no prentes shalbe — Apprentices' fees.
but xiij penyes pay shuld he.

þ*at* act did Rob*er*t Grene,[4] — Curses on Rob. Green.
þ*er*fore he had many a Curse, I wene.

And nowe a no*per* rule ye do make — Lammas riding.
þ*at* non shall ryde at La*m*mas but they þ*at* ȝe take.[5]

When our ale is Tunned — When harvest is over—
ȝe shall haue drynk to yo*ur* Cake.

Ye haue put on man like a Scot to raunsome. — Saunders put to ransom.
þ*at* wolbe remembred when ȝe haue all forgoten.

Caviat'. — Beware!

MICHAELMAS LEET.

[6]¶ [V. f. p. held on Monday after Michaelmas 11 Hen. VII.] — "Couentre." Oct. 5.

Rob. Colman, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Hen. Marler, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bailly, Ric. Lee, Will. Roweley, Tho. Chircheman, Rob. Grene, Ric. Smyth, Joh. Dove, Will. fforth, Tho. Maideford, Tho. Wardelowe, Tho. Bonde, Joh. Hadon, Tho. Padland, Will. Taillo*ur*, Joh. Mathewe, Galf. Arthern, Joh. ffolshill, Ric. Lansdale.

[Ric. Jakson, ffyshemong*er*, Rog. Chamber, drap*er*.] — Sheriffs.

They woll, ordeyn & conferme the ordenna*u*nce afore — [7]"For them

[1] Godiva. See Introduction. See Sharp, *Antiq.* 235.
[2] No recent rules on the subject of the sale of wool entered, but see above, p. 192.
[3] See above, p. 565. For the illicit cloth market in the church porch see above, p. 281. The drapery was the property of the omnipotent Trinity gild.
[4] May 1494, *v.* p. 553. 12 not 13 is the number of pennies given in the order of Leet.
[5] See p. 565. [6] leaf 276.
[7] Marginal glosses are in the same hand.

þat refuse offices etc." tyme made vppon such *per*sones that be of substaunce to bere office in þis Cite that woll refuse such offic*es* as shalbe leide vnto them be þe Maire & his Counceill that they forfet & pay such peyn as in that ordena*u*nce is lymyt & imade. And that þe seid ordenaunce be sufficiently made be M*aister* Recordor in lawe þ*at* hit may be at all tymes executory frohensfurth for eu*er*. And ou*er* þ*at* they nowe ordeyn þ*at* yf ther be eny man þ*at* here-aftur woll labo*u*r to fauo*u*r eny p*er*sone contrarie to þ*at* ordena*u*nce he to lese at eu*er*y def*alt* C s.

[1] "For vacabund*es*." fferther they woll & ordeyn that all man*er* vacabund*es* & beggers myghty in body w*ith*in þis Citie or suberb*es* þ*er*of voide þe Citie within iij day next aft*er* pr*o*clama-c*ion* in this behalf made, vppon peyn of Inp*r*isonment & to lese all þ*at* they may lese; and þ*at* no man*er* p*er*son frothensfurth harborough or comfort eny such vacabund or begger w*ith*in þis Cite, onlesse he knowe cause resonable of his resorte hider, & woll answer for his ded*es*, vppon peyn to lese at eu*er*y such defalt xx s.

[1] "Maydens & sole-women." [2]And also þ*at* eu*er*y Maide & sole woman beyng w*ith*in þe age of xl ȝer*es* þ*at* kepeth eny house sole be hir self, that she take a Chambre w*ith*in an honest p*er*sone, which shall answere for his (*sic*) goode demeasnyng, or els to go to s*er*uice betwixt þis & þe fest of All Halowes next comyng, vppon peyn of inp*r*isone*ment*, there to abide vnto þe tyme they fynde suerte so to doo, or els to voyde þe Cite. And that þe shirrifs wokely make serch & doo execucion of & in þe p*r*emissez, vppon þe peyn to lese C s. at eu*er*y tyme they be founde laches[3] in serch-makyng, & non-executyng of þe p*r*emissez, that fyne to be levied be þe Mair for the tyme beyng to þe vse of þe Cite.

[1] "For makyng of pavem*entes*." Also they ordeyn that eu*er*y p*er*son inhabite w*ith*in þis Cite make his pauem*ent* before his dwellyng betwixt þis & þe fest of C*r*istmas, [or 40d. fine at every default]. And yf so be þ*at* hit be not made that then þe co*m*ien s*er*iant haue auctorite to let make sufficient such pavement then not made; and to rere as well be distresse þe seid peyn as such money as þe makyng of þe seid pavem*ent* shall coste,

[1] Marginal glosses are in the same hand.
[2] See above, p. 545. [3] = defective.

where-so-euer he may fynde eny goodes of theirs þat such pavement shuld make.

Also they ordeyn þat no maner person frohensfurth bye eny see fisshe of panyermen or other ffyssher hider resortyng wokely to sell ffysshe nor house nor kepe oute of þe market eny such fishe, but suffer such ffyshe to come into þe market there to be sold be them þat bryng hit, or els such persones as þerto be lymyt be þe Maire for þe tyme beyng, vppon þe peyn, who doth to þe contrarie to lese at euery defalt x s. [1] "For housyng of ffysshe."

[Ordained] þat Joh. Smyth, peauterer, & Joh. Duddesbury[2] for mysbehauyng them-self ayenst men of worship & diuers oþer their neighbours, for þe which & such oþer like they afore þis haue ofte tymes be put vnder suerte, & be labour of their frendes haue þerof be dismyssed as appereth of recorde etc. & ȝit can-not establish them-self; therfor they woll þat they be putte vnder suertie fro session vnto session, vnto such tyme þat þe Maire & Justices of þe pease may be suerly acerteyned of their good behauyng & demeasnyng them-self accordyng to þe goode rules of þis Cite. [1] "Smyth [and] Dudderbry." [3] "Nota bene, bound to ther good behaviour."[3]

Also hit was ordeyned at þe request of þe Craftes of Carpenters, Tylers & pynners, & vpon theire compleynt made be bill etc. that Joh. Okley, kerver, & Joh. Cokkes shuld be contributory & paye ȝerely vnto þe seid Craftes, as other of þe seid craftes ȝere[ly] doon & payn accordyng [to] þe laudable custome & goode ordre of þis Cite, vppon þe peyn of either of þe seid Joh. Okley & Joh. Cookes doyng the contrarie to lese at euery defalt xiij s. iiij d. [1] "Okley & Cokkes."

Also at þis same lete at þe request of þe ffeliship & Craft of Barbours that all leches & soiourns[4] inhabityng within þe Cite of Couentre or suberbes þerof shuld be contributory & pay ȝerely to þe charges of þe seid Craft of barbours, as other of þe seid Craft doth etc. vppon peyn of hym þat refuseth so to doo to lese at euery defalt vj s. viij d. [1] "Leches & soiourns."

[1] Marginal glosses are in the same hand.
[2] Duddesbury was a tanner, v. *Life in an Old English Town*, 240. See above, p. 557 for tanners' orders; and p. 554 for those of pewterers.
[3–3] In a later hand. [4] *i. e.* surgeons.

[1] For reparacion of þe Brodwell."

Also hit is ordeyned at þis present lete & be þe same assigned [to] Laur. Walgraue, Joh. Humfrey & Tho. Waren to ouerse þat þe Brodewell be repayred with such money as is ordeyned be lete þat þe bitters shuld pay þerto, & with other such as they shall gader þerto; and yf þe seid bitters refuse to pay them, then to leve of them vj s. viij d. ouer þe somes vppon them assessed be distresse & oþerwyse etc.

The S. John's Hospital fields

[2] Mem. that at þis present lete Tho. Smyth, Maister of þe hospitall of seynt John in Couentre compleyned þat where he & his predecessours tyme oute of mynde haue be seased of a close with þe appurtenaunces in Couentre[3] lying before þe Chapell of seynt Marie Magdalene[4] without þe Spon Barre, & hit hath holden as seuerell all tymes of þe

broken up and used for common by ill-disposed persons.

3ere vnto nowe of late that certen evell disposed personers, whos names be vnknowen, han broken vp þe seid close, & hit claymen & vsen as their comien ayenst all right & goode consciens as þe seid Maister surmysed.

Which compleynt to be determyned accordyng right be þe assent as well of þe Maire & his Brethern & other at þe seid lete assembled, as of the seid Maister, the seid compleynt was put vnto þe determinacion of these personers here folowyng, they be deliberacion to see þe grounde, & the Evidence in þat partie; and peruppon to determyn & to gyffe sentence, such as shuld remayn for euer.

The matter to be determined by these persons,

Ric. Alen, Tho. Plant, Rog. Wode, Will. Huet, Ric. Clerk, Baker, Ric. ffoxale, Rob. Jakson, Will. Boteller, Ric. Baron, draper, Tho. Grove, Joh. Smyth, Baker, Ric. Lansdale.

Whech persons had day yffen vnto them vnto þe next generall sessions, videlicet þe Tewesday next before þe fest of þe Natiuite of our Lorde[5] þen next folowyng, and fro thens vnto þe Thursday next after þe fest of þe Epiphanie of our Lorde,[6] and fro that day vnto þe Thursday in Estur

who on Apr. 7, 1496,

weke then next folowyng, at which day þe seid personers appered & yaf vp their verdyt ther & then seying that they aftur their lernyng & knowelech the[y] had examined

[1] Marginal glosses are in the same hand.
[2] leaf 276, back. [3] MS. Couenentre.
[4] The leper chapel, commemorated in Chapel Fields.
[5] Dec. 22. [6] Jan. 7, 1496.

as deply as they coude mynde them-self of the seid close, & as ferforth as they coude haue knowelech they coude no oper-wyse fynde, but þat þe seid Maister & his predecessours han had & kept þe seid close with þe appurtenaunces as seuerell all tymes of þe yere, and so of ryght he ought so to haue & kepe without interupcion etc. give their verdict in favour of the hospital.

JOH. DOVE, MAYOR, 1496.

[[1]¶ Election of officers.] "Couentre." Jan. 25. Electors.

Ric. Lee, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Will. Shore, Hen. Marler, Ric. Coke, Tho. Bailly, Rob. Colman, Joh. Wigston, Will. Roweley, Rob. Grene, Will. Hopkyns, Joh. Gryme, Gef. Ardern, Tho. Maideford, Tho. Wardelowe, Tho. Turnour, Joh. Sissell, Will. Hardy, Ed. Barbour, Rob. Bowyer, Tho. Grove, Will. Barbour.

[m. Joh. Dove; cor. Rob. Topclyff; ch. Rog. Mason, Glouer, Will. Wigston; w. Joh. Strong, Ric. Hassale, draper; mace, Will. Nash; crier, Joh. Toures on his good behaviour.] Officers.

And hit is ordeyned at þis present eleccion þat frohensfurth duryng þis 3ere to come the Maire shall kepe Counceill wokley at seynt Mary hall vppon þe Wensday yf gretter cause let not etc. with viij of his brethern lik as hit hath be vsed in tyme past. "Wednisdaie þe Counceill daie."

Also the ordeyn that þe Styward, Chaumberleyns & wardeyns with þe comien seriant shall betwixt þis & Michelmas next comyng ryde & ouer-see the meerez & boundes of þe Shire of Couentre, & to renouell þe Mere stones yf nede so requyre that they remayn not out of knowla[c]h. Meets and bounds.

EASTER LEET.

¶ [V. f. p. held before Joh. Dove, m., Ric. Jakson, Rog. Chambre, b., on Monday after the close of Easter 11 Hen. VII.] "Couentre." Apr. 11.

Ric. Lee, Joh. Gauge, Joh. Thrumpton, Ric. Braytoft, Hen. Marler, Ric. Coke, Rob. Colman, Joh. Wygston, Will. Roweley, Tho. Chircheman, Rob. Grene, Ric. Smyth, Will. Taillour, Joh. Gryme, Gal. Arthern, Rog. Sutton, Jury.

[1] leaf 277.

Joh. Padland, Will. ffoorth, Ric. Chapman, Tho. Padland, Edw. Hulcote, Joh. Duddesbury, Joh. Mathewe, Joh. Dwale.

Orders of leet.

1 "Peyn for þe well at þe Chirche durre." 20*s*.

Whech ordeyned that the well before the Chirch durre of Seynt Michaell shuld be sufficiently made betwixt þat and þe fest of Pentecost þen next folowyng, vppon peyn of M*aister* Bailly there alderman xx s.; eu*e*ry p*er*son þat

10*s*. hath be Maire dwellyng in the seid warde x s.; eu*e*ry

6*s*. 8*d*. p*er*son þat hath be shirrif vj s. viij d.; eu*e*ry other p*er*son

1*s*. 8*d*. in þe seid ward þat is worth xx li., xx d. to þe vse of þe Cundith be the Maire for the tyme beying to be levyed, and he to haue to his owne vse vj s. viij d. of þe seid forfeit*es*.

1 "Peyn for bochours Tubbes fettyng wat*er* at þe Brodewell."

Also they ordeyned þat no man*er* Boch*o*ur frohensfurth shuld fette watir with their tubbes at þe Brodewell, [or 6s. 8d. fine.]

1 "For repa*r*ac*i*on of þe liflode & Cundite."

Also they woll that M*aister* Maire call his Counceill in goode Nombre to þe nombre of xxiiij to forse & p*re*pare for þe rep*ar*ac*i*on of the Towne lyfflode & for the Cundite of þis Cite betwixt þis & þe fest of Pentecost next comyng.

1 "Peyn of butt*es*."

Also that eu*e*ry Craft make their butt*es* sufficiently betwixt þat & Pentecost next folowyng, vppo*n* peyn of eu*e*ry Craft xx s. to þe vse of þe Cundite, & þe Maire to giffe warnyng to eu*e*ry M*aister* of þe Crafte þat þis ord*er* be kept & put in exec*ucion*.

1 "For repa*r*ac*i*on of welles."

Also þat the Maire let send for the p*er*sones that were assigned to gader for rep*ar*ac*i*on of the welles w*it*hin þis Cite and to comaunde the*m* to gadre & make þe well and to c*er*tefie þe names of the*m* þat woll not pay þat they may be co*m*pelled so to do.

THE CAPPERS.

Memoran*dum* that at þis lete was shewed & brought be þe Maistirs & ffeliship of Cappers w*it*hin þis Cite, whos names hereafter ensue*n*, the boke of their ordena*u*nces, whech here-after also ensuen, whech ordenaunces were there be delib*er*ac*i*on ou*er*see*n* & admitted & as a lawe to

[1] In the same hand.

bynde þe seide Craft frohensfurth forth was there ordeyned & auctorisid etc.

Tho. Padland, Joh. Darlyng, Ed. Barbour, Ed. Wall, Joh. Norton, Will. Brigges, Joh. Saunders, Nic. Heynes, Ric. Stonley, Joh. Dove, Ric. Spyser, Tho. Swetnam, Rob. Williamson, Joh. Grene, Ric. Hunte, Joh. Touney, Will. Hawes, Joh. Broune, Will. Austeyn, Tho. Gates, Will. Mason, Tho. Aweston, Ric. Synger, Joh. Synger. [1] "For Cappers."

ffirst, that all the Craft shall mete on seynt Anne day then to chose kepers for þe ȝer folowyng; and what persones þat be absent þat day vppon warnyng shall pay xij d., half to þe Maire & half to þe Craft, and what persones þat be chosen & admitted to be keper & woll not take vppon hym shall pay xl s., half to the Maire, & half to þe Craft, without he can shewe cause resonable & that to be demed be þe Maire & his Brethern.[2] To meet July 26. 12*d.* for absence; 40*s.* for refusing to be keeper.

[3] Item, what persone of þe Craft that cometh not to þe kepers for þe worship of þe Cite & profite of þe Craft vppon due warnyng he to lese at euery defalt vj d. half to þe Maire, half to þe Craft. [1] "Cappers." To come vppon warning or 6*d.*

Item, þat no Maister frohensfurth haue no moo prentisez in his seruice but ij at ones, and theire indenture to be sealed before þe Maire & þe kepers of the Craft for þe tyme beyng, and for no lesse ȝeres then vij ȝere, and þat he bryng in at euery indenture of eny prentise sealyng ij s., xij d. to þe Cite & xij d. to þe Craft, and yf the prentise within his terme departe with consent of his maister, then þat Maister so suffryng his prentise to departe shall take no more prentisez till þat vij ȝeres be spente without licens of the kepers of þe Craft, vppon þe peyn of xx s. half to þe Maire & half to þe Craft. [4] "Aprentices to be entered before the mayor." [4] 7 years' apprenticeship. A departing apprentice cannot be replaced.

Item, ther shall no Jorneyman make no Cappes of his owne nor of no other mannes safe only of þe maister þat hireth hym be the ȝere or the woke, and hit may be proved to paye at euery defalt xx d. half to þe Mair half to þe No journeyman to make caps of his own, or 20*d.* fine;

[1] In a contemporary hand.
[2] At the bottom of the leaf is written "the articles residue apperen in þe lefe before þis lest."
[3] leaf 276, back. This is headed "The residue of þe articles & ordenaunces of þe Cappers."
[4–4] In later handwriting.

but he may freshen old bonnets.

Crafte; fforseyn alwey that hit shal-be lefull to them to scoure & fresche old bonettes.

1s. a week journeymen's wages.

Item, ther shall no maister hire no Jorneyman be þe woke for no more Wages but for xij d. a wyke and to come to his warke at vj of þe clok in þe mornyng, and to leve at vj at nyght; & who-so gyffeth more to lese vj s. viij d. half (etc.) And þat as well þe maister as Journeyman

8 days' notice.

gyffe either to other warnyng viij daies before their departyng.

The masters' licence required for setting on fresh workers.

Item, ther shall no man set no Jorneyman on wark withoute licence of þe Maisters of the Craft, & to knowe the cause of his departyng fro his olde maister, [or xx s. fine, half (etc.)]

Item, there shall no persone of þe Craft set no straunge Journeyman on warke without license of þe Maisters of þe Craft, and they to see that he be a warkman.

Teaching trade to outsiders forbidden.

Item, that no persone of the Craft teche no poynt of his Craft to no persone save to his prentes and his wyfe, [or 100 s. fine, half (etc.)]

Apprentices 13s. 4d. fine for freedom of craft;

Item, that no maister make no brother to þe Craft yf he haue be prentes in þe Cite no lesse þen xiij s. iiij d. & his wax siluer, & to paye hit in iiij 3eres, and yf he be a

foreigners double.

forener & was not prentes no lesse then xxvj s. viij d., and to pay hit in iiij 3eres; and yf eny forener after a twelmonyth & a day refuse to paye þat fyn, then no Journeyman worche with hym, [or 20 s. fine half (etc.)]

LAURENCE SAUNDERS.

"Laurence Saunders paied xl li."

[1] Mem, that Laurence which was assessed to pay xl li. for his ffyn for such offences & mysdemeasnyng made on Lammas day was Twelmoneth[2] as appereth befor in þe tyme of Maister Grene beyng Maire, & of which xl li. xx li. was forgyffen, and x li. of þe oþer xx li. was paide be Alex. Horseley & Rob. Barlowe, suertez for þe seid Laurence; after which doon þe kynges grace at þe instant labour of þe seid Laurence sent his lettrez of priue signet vnto þe seid Maire desiryng to haue þe seid Laurence pardoned of þe oþer x li.; wyllyng ferther þe seid Maire to

Laurence by his instant labour with the king obtains a privy seal to be sent to the mayor;

[1] leaf 277, back. [2] *v.* p. 557.

ordre goode direcc*i*on & pease to be had accordyng right[1] in þe variance as touchyng a Com*i*en, which þe seid Laur*e*nce had informed the kyng*es* grace to be in þis Cite. And for-so-moch as þe seid Laur*e*nce had shewed the kyng*es* grace þ*a*t variance shuld be for com*i*en where no such variance was, writyng was sent to M*a*ister Recordo*u*r[2] of þe grete & many offence*s* þ*a*t þe seid Laur*e*nce had doon in tymes past, praying hym to shewe his demeasnyng vnto þe kyng*es* grace, which was doon. And in þe measne season the seid Laurence, & befor*e* þe seid writyng sent to M*a*ister Recordo*u*r, cam to þe house of J. Dove, then beyng Maire, & seid þes word*es* vnto hym:—"Mais*t*er Maire, I aduise yewe to loke wysely on yo*u*r-self, for or Lammasse day ye shall here other tythyng*es*. & ffor many of these catifes þ*a*t loke so hy nowe, shal-be brought lower. & ye knowe wele amongist yowe ye haue of myn x li. of money, which I dought not I shall haue ayen or Lam*m*asse day, or ells iij or iiij of þe best of yowe shall smart. Therfor*e* I advise you here vp-right þe swerd[3] at yo*u*r per*i*ll, for ye shall knowe more shortly."

whereupon the recorder is bidden to inform the king of Laurence's unsad conduct.

Laurence and the mayor's sword.

Item, þe seid Laur*e*nce cam vnto þe seid Meire the xx day of same moneth the Meire then settyng & his brethern in þe kyng*es* Court in þe gaile hall of þe said Cite: And then & there the seid Laurens openly before grett audiens seid:—"Maister Meir, I haue brought you a byll here, I pray you it may be redde openly in this Court." The seid Meire answered it required non hast. "Com to-morow and ye shall haue a reasonable ansure at ix of þe Clok, for I vnderstande the teno*u*r of this bill is no mattier to be det*er*myned in this seid Court."

? Jul. 20.

Laurence presents a bill;

Then the seid Laurence seid in the seid Court:—"Maister Meire, hold vp-right yo*u*r swerde, for as for M*a*ister Recorder I haue Rekened with hym before the kyng, and he shall be easy Inough" etc.

he taunts the mayor.

The teno*u*r of which bill þ*a*t þe seid Laurence then brought there to be red in þe seid Court here-aft*er* ensueth:—

The bill contains a list of common pastures,

[1] "betwixt p*ar*ties" deleted. [2] Empson.

[3] In allusion to Richard II's order (1384) that the sword should be borne behind John Deister, for failing to do justice.

concerning which enquiry was made in 1480, the year of Laurence's chamberlainship.

Memoran*dum*, these ben the ffeld*es* & pastur*es* inquered of in the tyme of Will. Shore be wrytynge*s* & revelisshen[1] of wolde men of þe Cite & fforreyns of þe same a*nno* E. iiij^ti^ xx^mo^, Laur. Saunders & Will. Hede, Chamb*er*-leyns, vnto the worshipfull Mair*e* & his Counceill to inquere for my Comen.

In p*ri*mis, þe Myryfeld in Stichall hyron closed be þe M*aister* of þe T*ri*nite Gilde.

Item, ij ffeld*es* that Rob. Bradmedowe holdeth of þe Trinite Gilde.

Item, þe Brodwokwast & half þe Bysshop*es*, & ij feld*es* cald þe Strypes, & a quarell withoute þe Newe-ȝate, & a lane calde Lazars-lane strecchyng be þe p*ro*cession weye, the p*ri*o*ur* encloseth.

Item, a lane cald Guphill-lane Joh. Hadley incloseth.

Item, a lane strecchyng be Hen. Smythes house & fro thens to Maydons Mille & fro thens to Childr*ous* Butt*es* & fro thens to Coundon lane, comen all þe ȝere.

Item, a lane ledyng fro Hethsale to Blakorchard strecchyng to a lane be Goldynge*s* felde goyng thurgh Hill-feld to Barkers-butt*es*, comen all þe ȝere.

Item, a lane ledyng fro ffukkers Grove[2] strettyng to Radford Mille.

Item, a Grounde be Dilkokks Mill Ric. Drewe incloseth.

Item, þe hall ȝarde inclosed & bylde apon my co*m*ien grounde.

Laurence will not be content;

Of whech feld*es* þe seid Laur*ence* hath be ofte tymes answered sufficiently accordyng to þe Evidenc*es* of þis Cite, as he nowe at þis tyme was in þe p*re*missez, & ȝit he can not be content: Wher*e*fore vppon writyng sent fro M*aister* Recordo*ur*, which had shewed þe holde demeasner to þe kynge*s* grace at the desir of þe seid Mair, as aboue is specified, the kynge*s* grace was content þ*at* þe seid Laur. shuld be ordred aftur þe goode & laudable custome of þis Cite; wheruppon be writyng sent fro Maister Recordo*ur* þe seid Laur*ence* be-cause he refused to fynde suerte of his goode demeasner here-aft*er* he was com*m*ytte to warde. And aft*er* þe seid Laur*ence* made labo*ur* be his

and is committed to ward. His friends intercede with the

[1] = revelation. [2] Printed wrongly "Sukers," p. 52.

frendes to my lorde of Rochestre,[1] which [sent] þat seid writyng to Maister Maire to put hym vndre suerte þat he myght appere before þe kynges Counceill at Wodstoke, at which tyme he, þe seid Bishop, desired that such matier as coude be leyed to þe Charge of þe seid Laurence shulde be there shewed. Wheruppon þe seid Laurence offered suerte þat were not sufficient, as appereth in þe boke of Counceill, seyng þat he wold fynde no oþer, whatsoeuer fell þeruppon, with oþer seducious wordes be hym ther vttered, as ther appereth in þe seid booke of Counceill, wherfore he remayned still in prison. Wheruppon ij seducious billes were founde i-sette vppon þe Mynster durre in þe feste of seynt Anne, & a noþer was cast etc. Wherof the tenour here-after ensuen :—

Bishop of Rochester, and he is summoned before the king's council.

Laurence offers insufficient surety and remains in prison.

Verses are found on Jul. 26 on the minster door.

Jhesus be your spede.
I hope hit be nede, } Thus to pray.

You have hunted the hare,
You holde him in a snare; } Hit had be as goode nay.

The hare is in a snare, *i. e.* Laurence is in prison.

Ye þat be of myght,
Se that ye do right, } Thynk on youre othe.

ffor where þat ye do wrong,
Ye shall mend hit among, } þough ye be neuer so loth.

Litell small been,
þat all aboute fleen, } They waggen their whyng.

Small bees sting.

Where as they light,
The been will byte, } And also styng.

Loke þat ye do right.
Both day & nyght, } Be-ware of wappys.

Beware of wasps.

Both erly & late,
Kepe well your pate } For after-clappys.[2]

pars primo (*sic*).

[3] The cyte is bond that shuld be fre.
The right is holden fro þe Cominalte.

The city is bond.

Our Comiens þat at Lammas open shuld be cast
They be closed in & hegged full fast.

[1] Tho. Savage. [2] = unexpected disasters. [3] leaf 278.

The commons' champion is a prisoner.

And he þat speketh for our right is in þe hall,[1]
And þat is shame for yewe & for vs all.

You cannot denygh hit but he is your broþer;
& to boþe Gildes he hath paid as moch as anoþer.[2]

They þat woll be broþer to þe Gildes or þerto pay,
We haue no more to lose, þe soth for to say.

Pick away our thrift and make us all blind!

ffor eny fauour or frenship þe comiens with yowe fynde
But pyke awey our thryfte & make vs all blynde.

And euer ye haue nede to þe Cominalte
Such favour as ye shewe vs such shall ye see.

The commons are estranged.

We may speke feire & bid you good morowe,
But luff with our hertes shull ye haue non.

Cherish þe Cominalte & se they haue their right
ffor drede of a worse chaunce be day or be nyght.

þe best of you all litell worth shuld be
And ye had not help of the Cominalte.

Mend that is amiss.

He luffeth me well þat telleth me for my goode,
Mend þat is amysse for movyng of your mode.

On may her be a noþer þat he shall not fynde,
But ye shall here of sum oþer what shal-be þe ende.

Nov. 10.

Aftur þis þe x day of Nouembre folowyng ther cam ij prive seals at þe labour & besy suyte of þe seid Laurence, on of them direct vnto þe Maire & his Brethern commaundyng them be the same to take suerte of þe seid Laurence to C li. & þeruppon to enlarge hym, that he myght inmediately appere before þe kynges grace & his Counceill to shewe his greves; and þat at the same tyme there shuld appere ij or iij of þe Meirs Brethern sufficiently instruct with such matier as myght be leyed vnto þe Charge of þe seid Laurence, that yf þe seid Counceill determyned þat matier then þe seid Laurence to ȝild hymself to prison eftesones. And a-noþer priue seall was direct vnto Ric. Alen, Will Huet, Joh. Marchall, walker,

Another summons for Laurence to appear before the king's council.

[1] *i. e.* the jail-hall.
[2] It seems as if the guild-brethren occupied a class apart. Probably they alone were eligible to office.

R. Norfolk, Will. Corby & [1] to apper before þe kynges Counceill at þe seid day. Which priue seall was sued ayenst them to þentent þat they shuld testyfie with hym in such matier as he wold allege for his greves etc. Vppon which wrytyng the Maire let call his Counceill þe Munday þe xiiij day of Nouembre *anno* xij° *Regis* H. vij : whos names here ensuen :— Nov. 14, 1496.

"The Maiors Councell,"

Joh. Dove, m., Will. Roweley, Joh. Gauge, Ric. Braytoft, Joh. Thrumpton, Tho. Bailly, Ric. Lee, Tho. Chircheman, Will. ffletcher, shirrif, Ric. Alen, Will. fforde, Joh. Gryme, Gef. Arthern, Tho. Maideford, Tho. Turnour, Tho. Padland, Joh. Dwale, Will. Taillour, Joh. Duddesbury, Rob. Hardy, Joh. Hadon, Ric. Lansdale, Tho. Plant, Will. Wygston, Rog. Glouer, Will. Hardy, Ric. Hassale, Joh. Smyth, Joh. Throughley, Ric. Nores, Ric. ffoxale, Joh. Clerk, Tho. Pase, Bowyer, Ric. Brigeman, Tho. Camell, Hen. Carter, Joh. Bromley, Joh. Humfrey, Joh. Gerves, Hugh Dawes, Ric. Drake, Will. Brigges, Capper, Will. Perkyns, Baker, Will. Bagot, Will. Bromley, Rob. Swyft, Ric. Baron, Dan. Blakwall, Laur. Yonge, Hen. Hynde, Tho. Bredon, Humf. Mollesley, Humf. Grene, Tho. Moredok, Will. Potell, Joh. Norton.

who advise that the gild master and others be sent to London to lay Laurence's case before the king's council,

Be whos advice & consent M*aister* Roweley, then M*aister* of þe Gilde, M*aister* Braytoft & Joh. Boteler, styward, were appoynted to ryde to London, there with M*aister* Recordour, M*aister* Coke, M*aister* Grene & Will. Pisford then beyng at London to shewe þe demeasner of þe seid Laurence at large etc. Accordyng which appoyntement þe day was kept at London before þe kynges Counceill in þe Sterre Chambre, þe Friday next after seynt Martyn day ; and there continied dayly vnto þe Tewesday next before þe fest of Seynt Andrew þen next suyng. At which day before my lordes of Caunterbury,[2] London,[3] & Rochestre,[4] þe chief justice M*aister* ffyneux & many oþer lordes, the hole matier was hard at large, both þe compleynt of þe seid Laurence, þe answer þerunto ; þe replicacion of þe seid Laurence & þe reioynder þeruppon, with þe disposicions of

which from Nov. 18 till Nov. 29 they do.

The case is heard and

[1] Blank. [2] Joh. Morton. [3] Tho. Savage.
[4] ? Savage had been translated from Rochester. Fitz-James his successor was not appointed till the succeeding year.

"Laurence is committed to þe ffleet" prison to abide the king's pleasure.

þe witnesse & p*ro*ves of þe seid Laur*ence*. Wheruppon þe seid Laur*ence* was there & then com*m*yt vnto þe Flete, there to abide vnto þe tyme the kynge*s* pleasure were knowen what ferther punysshem*ent* he shuld haue. All whech mate*r*es apperen in papirs in þe kepyng of þe seid styward :—wherof the teno*ur* here ensuen.[1]

[1] Only unfortunately they are not copied ; and the Star Chamber records for these years are not preserved.

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